

# May 12, 2024 | Holy Eucharist Rite II

Seventh Sunday of Easter

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Natick MA

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**Prelude**

Phillip Keveren arrangements

**Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #222 "Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends"

**Liturgy of the Word**

Book of Common Prayer, pg 355

**Gloria**

Front section of the blue hymnal, #S280

**The Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**Readings**

**A** reading from the book of Acts (1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

We will read from Psalm 47 responsively by whole verse

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.

**2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.**

3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.

**4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.

**8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.**

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.**

**A** reading from the letter to the Ephesians (1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

Blue Hymnal #510 "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove"

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:44-53)

### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

Rev. Becky Binns

## Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg 358

## Prayers of the People

Form III, Book of Common Prayer, pg 387

## The Peace & Announcements

## Offertory Music

"We Shall Be Known" by MaMuse

## Doxology

Isaac Watts, Thomas Ken,  
tweaked by St. Paul's staff  
**With vigor** ♩ = 100

Old 100th hymn tune,  
harm. after Louis Bourgeois

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise

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God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

# Holy Communion

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

Book of Common Prayer, pg 361

**Sanctus**

Green hymnal # 858

**Communion Hymn**

Blue hymnal #711 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Book of Common Prayer, pg 365

**Closing Hymn**

Blue hymnal #525 "The Church's one foundation"

**Dismissal**

*Clergy* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Postlude**

"Softly and Tenderly" arr. Marianne Kim

## Today's Flowers are given by:

Carolyn & Ed Hasgill, Jr. in loving memory of Joanne & Edwin Hasgill, Sr.

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Linda Tardif in loving memory of her mom, Sylvia Hunter

&

Rob Steckbeck in Celebration of his and Kris Coffey's 10th anniversary

&

Andrew, Christopher, and Theodore Komjathy

Honoring and celebrating the Mom's in our life;

Betsy Komjathy, Emily "Grammie" Bagwill, and in memory of Hetty "Buzzy" Komjathy

