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Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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We welcome you to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church
with open arms and open hearts.

Please be reverent while we worship; we encourage you to fully
participate in our service with responses and song,
but ask that you do so with your device muted.

Please use the chat to add your prayers, thanksgivings, and petitions
so that we may include them in the service.

Opening Hymn | LEV 111



WELCOME

Officiant:

The Rev. Mother Kassinda Ellis

Voice of the People:

Marie Gonel



Opening Hymn | 516 (1982 Hymnal)

Come down, O Love Divine

Words: **Bianco da Siena**

Translated by: **Richard Frederick Littledale**

Music: **King's College Choir**

Video: **Thomas Burns Botchwey**

Opening Sentences

Alleluia!
Christ is risen.



Opening Sentences

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The First Lesson | Justin Sinclair

A reading from Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 11, verses 1 to 18.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

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The First Lesson | Justin Sinclair

As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

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The First Lesson | Justin Sinclair

The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

continued

The First Lesson | Justin Sinclair

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 148 | Wendy Riley

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

continued

Psalm 148 | Wendy Riley

⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

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Psalm 148 | Wendy Riley

- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

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Psalm 148 | Wendy Riley

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

¹³ Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

continued

Psalm 148 | Wendy Riley

¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Lector Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:

People as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.



The Second Lesson | Pietra Jones

A reading from the Revelation of John, Chapter 21, verses 1 to 6.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

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The Second Lesson | Pietra Jones

they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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The Second Lesson | Pietra Jones

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Gospel Hymn | 488 (1982 Hymnal)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great father, thine only I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

O thou by my everything, be my delight,
Be Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied.
O God be my everything, be my delight,
Be Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied.

High King of heaven, my vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



The Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 13, verses 31 to 35.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

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The Gospel

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.





SERMON

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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The Nicene Creed

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

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The Nicene Creed

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Sisters and brother, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, “Loving God, *make all things new.*”

continued

Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Loving God,
Make all things new.

continued

Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven.

Loving God,
Make all things new.

continued

Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation.

Loving God,
Make all things new.

continued

Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city.
Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse, and
hatred.

Loving God,
Make all things new.

continued

Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people.

Help those in our community who suffer, and do so in silence; especially those who suffer from mental and invisible illnesses. May they receive solace and the peace of your healing mercies.

Loving God,
Make all things new.

continued

Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Jesus, we pray for caregivers—healthcare workers and family members—grant them strength and courage to continue to care for those who cannot care for themselves.

Loving God,
Make all things new.

continued

Prayers of the People | Jennifer Maxfield

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life.

Loving God,
Make all things new.



Prayers for the Community

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

- † The Parchment family gives praise to Almighty God in thanksgiving for Pauline Parchment's birthday today! May the Light of the Lord shine upon her and grant her happiness on this birthday and for many years to come. May God bless you with infinite happiness and countless blessings. Birthday greetings from her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand, Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year (and another year together). Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Community

We pray for the mothers and mothering influences in our lives and in the world. We pray for those who have experienced motherhood and those who yearn for it; those who have given birth, and those who can't; those who have raised children and those who have lost children, those who have fostered and adopted. We pray for those who are aunts, godmothers, and maternal figures to children. We pray for grandmothers, for their wisdom and compassion. We pray for all those who have been a source of strength and kindness. We pray for and give thanks to the maternal spirit of the women in our lives.

Prayer List

Keisha Alexander
Daphne Aguero
Melissa Arrington-Hubbard
Ewart Atherton
Edris Bryan
Errol Byfield
Rose Carrott
Ann-Marie Chambers
Perpetua Ellis
Randolph Ellis

Kirima Forbes
Afua Johnson
Kimtrell Jones
James Hunter
Eric Lewis
Crystal Nurse
Kathleen Nurse-Lewis
Verely Powerful
Chandra Robinson
Patsy Robinson

Prayer List

Shelly Rutherford

Sheila Samms

Walter Simpson

Patsy Stephenson

Marilyn Warwell

Pat Wynter

Ruth Zimmerman



A Collect for the Sick

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors and ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution and the Peace

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



The Peace | 714 (1982 Hymnal)



Shalom

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts, our souls, and our minds.

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The Spiritual Communion

Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

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Offertory Prayer

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.

You are with us always, In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given.

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Offertory Prayer

By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve you. We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us. **Amen.**



The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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The General Thanksgiving

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.



Concluding Prayer

Let us pray for one another and the coming week: May God's Holy Spirit be greatly visited upon all who worship here today and upon all our church family. If there is anger or pain in any of us, let it be left upon the altar. Gracious Lord, make us prayerful people. Teach us to look for your guidance in all our undertakings. May we see You this week in the face of every family member, stranger, and friend. May we know the wonderful peace and love of God, share it with one another, and tell it out abroad. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Closing Hymn | They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.

And all praise to the Father for through Him all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Refrain

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's
dignity and save each man's pride.

Refrain

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will
one day be restored.

Refrain



Announcements

Please join us
for a PKE

Father's Day Celebration



JUNE 10, 2022
9:00PM - 1:00AM

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\$50.00per person



Father's Day Journal

If you would like to submit poems, art, or tributes, please contact Roxanne Adams, Angela Brown, or Norma Byfield.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION HAS RETURNED

Adult Christian Formation has resumed. Join us on Tuesdays for classes on Episcopal Beliefs and Practices.

Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 8:30PM
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