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The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
The Sunday after Ascension Day  
June 1, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

The Opening Voluntary      *Caprice sur les grands jeux*      Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Processional Hymn      *"Hail the day that sees him rise"*      Hymn 214

Celebrant    Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**People**      *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Glory to God*

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God  
the Father. **Amen.**

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.

**People**      *And also with you.*

Celebrant    Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**Reader**      A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:16-34)

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord

**People**      *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 97**    *Dominus regnavit*

- 1    The Lord is King;  
     let the /earth re/joice; \*  
     let the multitude /of the isles be/ glad.
- 2    Clouds and darkness are /round a/bout him, \*  
     righteousness and justice are the foun/dations of his/  
     throne.
- 3    A fire/ goes be/fore him \*  
     and burns up his ene/mies on every/ side.
- 4    His lightnings light/ up the /world; \*  
     the earth/ sees it and is a/fraid.
- 5    The mountains melt like wax at the presence /of the /Lord, \*  
     at the presence of the/ Lord of the whole /earth.
- 6    The heavens declare his/ righteous/ness, \*  
     and all the /peoples see his/ glory.



- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight/ in false /gods! \*  
Bow down be/fore him, all you/ gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of /Judah re/joice, \*  
because of /your judgments, O/Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over /all the /earth; \*  
you are exalted /far above all /gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those/ who hate/ evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers/ them from the hand of the /wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up /for the/ righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for /those who are true/hearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the /Lord, you/ righteous, \*  
and give thanks/ to his holy/ Name.

**Reader** A reading from the Revelation to John (22:12-14,16-17,20-21)

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. **Amen.**

**Reader** The Word of the Lord  
**People** *Thanks be to God*

**Sequence Hymn** "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph"

**Hymn 215**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (17:20-26)

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord  
**People** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Nicene Creed      *standing*

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.  
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.  
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.

A Litany of Healing      *Standing or kneeling*

*Reader*      God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more  
abundantly;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
*People*      *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

*Reader*      Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled,  
especially *Sue, Julia, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Sanddii, Millard, Will,*  
*and Virginia*, that they may be made whole;  
*People*      *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

*Reader*      Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious,  
or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your  
presence;  
*People*      *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

<i>Reader</i>	Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
<i>People</i>	<i>Hear us, O Lord of life.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	You are the Lord who does wonders:
<i>People</i>	<i>You have declared your power among the peoples.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
<i>People</i>	<i>And in your light we see light.</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Hear us, O Lord of life:
<i>People</i>	<i>Heal us, and make us whole.</i>

*All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

*Celebrant and people*

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses in body, mind, and spirit, and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some of what ails us stems from our own fault, while some is beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

*Celebrant* May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Those desiring laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing of themselves or others may come to the altar rail at this time, or those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, who will tell the Celebrant to come to you. Please whisper to the Celebrant your name or the name of the person for whom you are praying so he may pray for the appropriate people.*

**The Peace** *Standing*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are*

*celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.*

Offertory Anthem

*Lord of the Dance*

Shaker melody, Sydney Carter

The Doxology:

Hymn 380 v 3

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

*Standing*

BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Lift up our hearts.

*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant* It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and  
might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in  
the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in  
the highest.

*Celebrant*

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 368

We give thanks to you...do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*

BCP 369

And we offer our sacrifice...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for  
ever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

## Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem                      *Christ Our Passover*                      Hymnal S 154  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.*

Communion Chant                      *"Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary"*                      Psalm 96

Communion Hymn                      *"Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"*                      Hymn 328

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*

*Let us pray.*

*Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the  
spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy  
mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body  
of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*The celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn                      *"Crown him with many crowns"*                      Hymn 494

*Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

The Closing Voluntary                      *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*                      arr. Gordon Young

**Discretionary Fund** – Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Celebration of the Life of Betty Budde  
By the Family*

*The beauty of the Narthex flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Celebration of the Life of Betty Budde  
By the Family*

### **Monday Bible Study**

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On **June 2**, we will continue reading Luke 22 with Jesus' teachings after the last supper. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

### **Wednesday Eucharist**

On Wednesdays, we celebrate **Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel** (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

### **Bishop Search Listening Sessions**

The Diocesan Bishop Search Committee is inviting us to share our hopes and dreams for the future of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, discern what common challenges we face, and consider what qualities we seek in our next bishop. On Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, an in-person session will be held at St. John's, Roanoke and, at the same time, a session will be offered over Zoom; please RSVP if you plan to attend either. A survey will subsequently be made available to all, whether or not you were able to attend.

### **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Jay Dickens

**Chalists:** Bob Bushnell, Nancy Spilman

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Pete Scouras, Ben Lewis

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Susan Critz, Pat Russell

**Altar Guild Team #3** – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman,  
Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

**Nursery Attendant:**

### **2025 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell. Will Zimmer

**Year 2:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,  
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 1:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser