The Seventh Sunday of Easter
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
May 13, 2018
10:30 a.m.
An Easter Message from the Rector

How wonderful it is to lift our voices as we shout out with joy, Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! After journeying through the 40 days of Lent, a time spent in quiet prayer and reflection in the darkened winter months, we are ready to embrace the hope and promise of the new life we are promised in the Risen Christ. We are assured by Christ’s death and resurrection that nothing can vanquish God’s love, not even the sting of death. The Light of Christ has come into the world through God’s boundless grace for you and me, with the promise of new life without end. The Paschal candle, the large single candle to the left of the altar that burns during the 50 days of the Easter season, is a reminder of the Resurrection, where we are reunited with God as the Living Body of Christ. Every Sunday, we gather together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, (eucharist is Greek for thanksgiving) as a reminder that we each have been given new life in Christ that will never end. So, there is much to celebrate and give thanks for as we shout, Alleluia, He is risen!

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests.

We welcome children of all ages at St. John's. Your children are always welcome to stay with you in church. We encourage you to sit up front, as children are more engaged if they can see what’s happening. We also have supplies for quiet play available at both entrances to the church, which children are welcome to use as they sit in the pews. We offer child care (infant – 5 years old) from 10:15 a.m. to the end of the service, in the Good Shepherd Room. For older children, we offer a Children’s Sermon on most first Sundays of the month, and on most other Sundays, children are invited to attend Word Alive during the 10:30 service. At the sequence hymn (marked in the bulletin), the children follow an acolyte out to Word Alive, where they do age-appropriate activities to engage with the Sunday scripture readings. The children return at the Peace to take part in Holy Eucharist with their families.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY   Prelude on In Babilone   Michael Burkhardt, 1992

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 460   Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!   HYFRYDOL

All stand and sing.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant   Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People   The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.
Celebrant   Let us pray. 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.
People   Amen.
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glory to you, Lord
   God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise;
   glory to you.

2. Glory to you
   for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

5. Glory to you, beholding the
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the
baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

THE PSALTER

The People say the words in bold and sing the Antiphon where indicated.

Psalm 1

Leader  Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

People  Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

Leader  They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

People  It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Leader  Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

People  For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.
Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 215  See the Conqueror mounts in triumph
All stand and sing. Children are invited to follow the acolyte to the Word Alive program. They will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL
Minister  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
All  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Minister  The Gospel of the Lord.
All  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
All sit.

The Reverend Hope Eakins

THE NICENE CREED
All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.

Gracious One, through Christ you have made your name known and your Church has been given everything from the Father. May we be one as Christ and the Father are one. As you have sent Christ into the world, so Christ has sent us into the world.

Provident One, you have given all nations the testimony of God in their hearts: Extend your providence to protect them from evil and to extend universally the liberating blessings of justice and peace. As you have sent Christ into the world, so Christ has sent us into the world.

Compassionate One, you have promised to lose nothing that you have made: Look upon all who suffer from illness, violence, poverty, or threat, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name now [pause for silent or spoken prayers]. Protect them in your name and sanctify them in your truth. As you have sent Christ into the world, so Christ has sent us into the world.

Ever-present One, you have planted this community like trees by streams of water: Empower us to bear fruit in due season and to make Christ’s joy complete in this place. As you have sent Christ into the world, so Christ has sent us into the world.

Eternal One, raise all who have died into the light of your presence, especially those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given. As you have sent Christ into the world, so Christ has sent us into the world.

Celebrant Loving God, you have kept your word through Jesus your Son and sanctified your Church in truth: Fulfill the testimony of scripture and inspire our witness to the resurrection of Jesus, that we may share in the eternal life which reconciles all creation in the unity of the Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.
We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM  Aint’a that good news

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,
Ain’t-a that good news!
I’m-a gonna lay down this world,
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,
Ain’t-a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a that kingdom...
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom...
I got a Savior in-a that kingdom...

A major step forward in the performance of spirituals came with the leadership of William L. Dawson, who directed the Tuskegee Institute Choir in Alabama from 1931–55. Dawson began his tenure at Tuskegee by bringing a 100-voice college choir to perform at the opening of Radio City Music Hall in New York City for an entire week in 1932. In Dawson’s arrangements, the rhythmic momentum of the song brings to mind the contemporary accounts of the slaves singing in a ring shout, where they “would make the dense old woods, for miles around, reverberate with their wild songs.” His trademark closing phrases are full of richly voiced extended harmonies that bring the accumulated rhythmic energy to an ecstatic conclusion.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand and sing.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues. The People say the words in bold.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**THE SANCTUS**

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All remain standing or kneel.

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 are invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John’s. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail. If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion. You are also welcome to light a candle, located near the baptismal font, in memory of a loved one or to lift a prayer to God.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM  O send out your light

Scott Lamlein, 2009

Words: Psalm 43:1–2

O send out your light and your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; And I will praise you with the harp. O send out your light and your truth, let them lead me, O God, my God.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant  Let us pray.
People  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 BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 494  Crown him with many crowns

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY  Rondeau (from Symphonies de Fanfares)

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682–1738)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God’s Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of James F. Brierley and Dorothy K. Brierley.
In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d’Église Épiscopale d’Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans       Cheryl Trahan       Jeff       Ida McKenney
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Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Hal Cook         Ginger Gillespie
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Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Bill & Hope Eakins
Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the work of the Anglican Center in Rome.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Mark’s, New Britain; St. Mark’s, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; and for parish prayer groups and intercessory prayer chains.
New World Trio concert, TODAY at 2 p.m.
The New World Trio, the chamber music “ensemble in residence” here at St. John’s, will present a program featuring Copland, Beethoven and Arensky, today at 2 p.m. No tickets required; suggested donation $20. (Note: The New World Trio is not part of St. John’s Music at the Red Door 2017–2018 series, so donation checks should be payable to the trio.) For more information, visit their web site at www.newworldtrio.org.

Sacred Circle meeting, May 15 at 7 p.m.
Sacred Circle is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. This will be our last meeting of the church year, and we’ll start up again in the fall. Please come. All women are welcome!

Planting our Community Garden
Weather permitting, we’ll need lots of help next weekend planting vegetable seedlings in our new garden beds. Watch for an announcement in Thursday’s e-newsletter that will include specific days and times when your help is needed.

Pentecost, Youth Sunday and Parish Picnic, next Sunday, May 20
Next Sunday, we will celebrate Pentecost—the birthday of the church. Please wear red, the symbolic color of the Holy Spirit that fills us with the love of the Risen Christ. There will be special decorations made by our church school children, scripture reading in many languages, and music from the St. John’s Youth Orchestra. We will also celebrate all that our young people contribute to the parish through the choir, acolyte and Christian education/youth programs. After the service we’ll have the annual parish picnic, rain or shine. Last name A–M: Please bring a dessert or chips. Last name N–Z: Please bring a salad or fruit. Hot dogs, beverages and paper goods will be provided.
Youth Sunday Service & Parish Picnic

Sunday, May 20
10:30 a.m.
with picnic to follow, rain or shine

Last name A-M:
Bring chips or dessert
Last name N-Z:
Bring salad or fruit

Beverages, paper goods and hot dogs provided

Blessing of Our Missionaries

Sunday
June 10
10:30 a.m.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Six St. John's youth are going on mission with the Episcopal Church in Connecticut this summer. Help send them off with our support and blessing.
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8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)
5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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