

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Hymns

214
495
315
460

Many parishioners arrive to church early to prepare for worship through silent prayer and reflection. This is also a time when worshipers review the week's scripture readings and notices. Please be considerate of those near you during this meditative period of our worship together.

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THE COLLECT

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.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Acts 1: 6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36



- 1 Let God arise, and let his / enemies be / scattered; *
let those who / hate him / flee be/fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the
wind / drives it a/way; *
as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked / perish at the / presence of / God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re/joice before / God; *
let them / also be / merry and / joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who / rides upon the / heavens; *
YAHWEH is his / Name, re/joice be/fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, de/fender of / widows, *
God in his / holy / habi/tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth
prisoners / into / freedom; *
but the / rebels shall / live in dry / places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be/fore your / people, *
when you / **marched** / through the / wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the / God of / Sinai, *
at the presence of / God, the / God of / Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God,
upon / your in/heritance; *
you refreshed the / land when / it was / weary.
- 10 Your people / found their / home in it; *
in your goodness, O God,
you have / made pro/vision for the / poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O / kingdoms of the / earth; *
sing / praises / to the / Lord.

- 34 He rides in the heavens, the / ancient / heavens; *
he sends forth his / voice, his / mighty / voice.
- 35 Ascribe / power to / God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his / strength is / in the / skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his / holy / places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and
power to his people! / Blessed / **be** / God!

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson: John 17: 1-11

All stand, as they are able.

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed." "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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn No. 214

Sequence Hymn No. 495

Anthem:

Communion Hymn No. 315

Closing Hymn No. 460

God is Gone Up, Alleluia

Llanfair
In Babilone
Paul C. Van Dyke
Song I
Hyfrydol

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, the altar flowers are given by Ross and Kathy Dingwall in loving memory of Kathy's father Richard Beaubier, whose birthday would have been today.

Reminders TODAY:

- Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the service
- Come & Sing Evensong, 5:00p.m.

Reminders THIS WEEK:

- Tuesday St. Mary's Circle, noon
- Wednesday Eucharist, noon; Staff meeting., 1:00p.m.
- Thursday Downtown Clergy mtg., 10:00a.m.
Lunch in Community, noon

You're Invited! Fr. Brian & John are having an Open House on Saturday, June 10th from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at their new home at 4511 W. Fox Farm Road in Manistee, Michigan.

They realize it's a long way for a day trip but hope you can join them for a day of fun along the shores of Lake Michigan.

K-Drive Vouchers - The choir still has two (2) K Drive vouchers for sale. Please speak with Dr. White if interested in purchasing (\$20/each).

We are currently recycling plastic and paper in the clearly marked bins located next to the kitchen door in the parish hall.

Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 2: 1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20: 19-23, Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

May is volunteer month for coffee hour. Please sign up for one of the Sundays in May. Remember that it is not a brunch. A few treats and the pouring of the coffee is sufficient.

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the tan sheet in the hallway or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org

SERVING THIS WEEK:

10:00 a.m.

Presider:	The Rev. R. Stravers
Preacher:	The Rev. R. Stravers
Deacon:	The Rev. Trish Harris
Sub-Deacon:	Karmel Addis
Lector:	Kathy Dingwall
Intercessor:	Becky Squires
Crucifer:	Nathan Isaacs
Chalice:	The Rev. Trish Harris, Karmel Addis, Kathy Dingwall
Altar Chapter:	Bob Harberts, Brenda Hillman
Ushers:	Lori Kiess, Tom Kiess, Judy Gray
Greeter:	Emilie Cummins, Lorraine Petter
Vestry Liaison:	Kathy Dingwall
A/V Tech:	Bob Hibbard

5:00 p.m.

	<i>Come & Sing Evensong</i>
Officiant:	The Rev. Nate Craddock
Lector:	Charles Grantier
AV Tech:	Jorge Himmelreich