

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021



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Welcome to all who are here in person or watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here “to bear witness to God’s love and invite, encourage, and prepare God’s people to share that grace with others”. You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 215 (vs. 1&3)

1 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;
see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot,
to his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted
to receive their heavenly King.

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

3 Thou hast raised our human nature
on the clouds to God’s right hand:
there we sit in heavenly places,
there with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in thine ascension,
we by faith behold our own.

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant [†] Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

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

BCP 355

The Gloria In Excelsis

1 Glory to God in the
highest, and peace to his
people on earth.
2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.

3 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son
of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God,
4 you take away the sin of
the world; have mercy on us;
5 you are seated at the right
hand of the Father; receive
our prayer.

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6 For you alone are the Holy
One, you alone are the Lord,
7 you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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.**

The Lessons

Please be seated.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

1 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!

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

3 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.

Beatus vir qui non abiit

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

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

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 603 (vs. 1&4)

1 When Christ was lifted from the earth,
his arms stretched out above
through every culture, every birth,
to draw an answering love.

When Christ was lifted from the earth

4 Thus freely loved, though fully known,
may I in Christ be free
to welcome and accept his own
as Christ accepted me.

The Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

Priest [†] The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **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.”

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

The Sermon
The Nicene Creed

The Rev. Paul McCabe
BCP 358

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

Intercessor

The Peace

BCP 360

Jesus said, Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. During this time may you receive this peace, which Jesus offers to all.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 161 (Vs. 1&5)

Go preach my Gospel

1 “Go preach my gospel,” saith the Lord,
“Bid the whole earth my grace receive,
Explain to them my sacred word,
Bid them believe, obey, and live.”

5 He spake and light shone round His head,
On a bright cloud to heav’n He rode.
They to the farthest nation spread
The grace of their ascended God.

The Presentation Hymn 380

Praise God, Vs.3

3 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.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* *Celebrant and People* S130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said or sung by all:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Communion Hymn 460 (vs. 1&5)

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Communion Hymn 483 (vs. 1&6)

1 The head that once was crowned with
thorns is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant may bless the people.

Recessional Hymn 494 (vs. 1&5)

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

The head that once was crowned

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Crown him with many crowns

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

**The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God
by**

Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Lynda, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie, David & Elizabeth Still, Jane, Greg, Christopher, Mario, Bruce, Darren, Dwayne, Brian, Angela, Ruth and Carol. For all those affected by COVID-19, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays:

5/17	Justin Gross	5/20	Melody Edwards
5/18	Richard Mulligan	5/22	Lam Thurmond

Anniversaries:

5/20 Lam & Jan Thurmond

Do you have a Graduating Senior? Please Let us Know

ECA wants to honor all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00 am service. Please email names to ecanews@bellsouth.net before Tuesday May 18th to be included. Thank you!

Sunday May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday, please wear Red to Mark the Occasion

We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday with our annual red balloons and wearing of red. Come join us as we celebrate the birthday of the church.

ECA Reach Ministry is holding its *Annual Yard Sale (*Smaller version than usual*)

REACH will be having the ECA Annual Yard Sale on June 5th (rain or shine). Donation drop off is May 22nd from 9am - 12am and on Sunday, May 23rd after all services. No mattresses, old tv's or items that you would otherwise throw away. Be on the lookout for a sign-up form to volunteer with item drop off and on the day of the yard sale. If you have questions about the yard sale or donations, please email Molly Norman at molly.lippert@gmail.com

Ushers/Counters/Lectors Needed

As we transition back to traditional worship, we are beginning to schedule volunteer positions again. You will see them listed in the weekly newsletter beginning in May. Currently, we are in need of ushers, lectors and counters. If you are interested in volunteering on Sunday mornings, please email ecanews@bellsouth.net. Thank you!

Please Wear your ECA Nametags as we transition back to Worship together.

As we transition back to in person services, the Connecting Ministry is asking that you wear your ECA nametag for guests who came to our services and for the new people who have joined. If you need a nametag, please email the office at ecanews@bellsouth.net. Thank You!

Reach Collecting Food items for Local Food Pantries We Support

We may not be gathering for in-person worship due to diocesan restrictions, but the need for food items at our local food pantries continues. ECA is supporting local charities such as Never Alone and Papa's Pantry in their food ministries. You are welcome to come by on Sundays to drop off these much-needed items, or drive-by the office during the week. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of helping those in need!

Education for Ministry to Resume this Fall

ECA will offer Education for Ministry again this year. Dates and times are to be determined. Education for Ministry is a small mentored group that provides the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. This is a study to help discern your calling. If you are interested or need more information, contact Katie Dunlap at 404-444-6874 or katiedunlap5@gmail.com

Altar Flowers: Dates are Available and Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!

Thank you for supporting the Altar Guild Ministry. Dates are available for flower dedications. Please email your dedication (complete with wording in thanksgiving for/in memory of) to ecanews@bellsouth.net.

A Caregivers Support Group has started at ECA

If you are involved with the care of someone with a terminal or chronic illness, you are invited to join a newly formed support group offering support, connection, resources, and coping strategies. This group is led by Robin Racoff, an experienced Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. This group is for caregivers, no patients please. Please contact Robin for details: (404) 290-1550 or robinracoff@gmail.com.

Do you need Prayer, Counseling or Confidential Assistance?

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, simple virtual visit or confidential assistance; please contact Fr. Paul directly at pcm09@bellsouth.net or call him at 770-490-7234. You may also contact the ECA Senior Warden, Wanda Ziembinski at ziembby@hotmail.com. Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

We miss YOU!! Worship Service Attendance

The church is open again and we are moving back into worship, we just need YOU. We will continue the outdoor 11:15am service until May 23rd and we will go back to our regular worship service times at 8:30am and 10:30am on May 30th (Memorial Day Weekend). We hope to see more of our parish members returning to in person worship services.

Worship attendance numbers May 9th

8:30am – 23

10:00am – 40

11:15am – 21

Each Month we make our Monthly Financials Available

(YTD) Through APR. 2021	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Revenues	\$89,824	\$79,724	\$10,100
Expenses	\$76,597	\$87,004	(\$10,407)
Net Year to date	\$13,277	\$7,280	\$20,507

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