



## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**June 1, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship, and visit us at [stjohnscentreville.org](http://stjohnscentreville.org).

Today's service follows the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew. Service music, noted with an "S," can be found in the front of the book, and our hymns, noted by an "H" and their number, after that. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

### **The Word of God**

#### **Prelude**

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

*Llanfair*

#### **Opening Acclamation**

BCP, p. 355

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

#### **Collect for Purity**

BCP, p. 355

**Song of Praise:** H 417 "This is the feast of victory..."

*Festival Canticle*

(All sing vv. 1,3,5; Men v. 2; Women v. 4)

#### **Collect of the Day**

BCP, p. 226

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

#### **Children's Story**

*Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.*

### First Lesson: Acts 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Response:** Psalm 97, *Dominus regnavit*

BCP, p. 726

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \* **let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

Clouds and darkness are round about him, \* **righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

A fire goes before him \* **and burns up his enemies on every side.**

His lightnings light up the world; \* **the earth sees it and is afraid.**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \* **at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**

The heavens declare his righteousness, \* **and all the peoples see his glory.**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*

**Bow down before him, all you gods.**

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \* **because of your judgments, O Lord.**

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \* **you are exalted far above all gods.**

The Lord loves those who hate evil; \* **he preserves the lives of his saints**

**and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light has sprung up for the righteous, \* **and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \* **and give thanks to his holy Name.**

### Second Lesson: Revelation 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:** H 483, "the had that once was crowned with thorns"

*St. Magnus*

**Gospel:** John 17:20-26

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

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

**Prayers of the People:** Form III

BCP, p. 387

**The Peace**

BCP, p. 360

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

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.*

*As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check, use the QR code at right to donate online, or text STJOHNSCENTREVILLE to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.*



**The Presentation of Alms & Oblations:** H 380, vs. 3, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP, p. 361

**Sanctus:** S 125, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

**Prayer A** (cont.)

BCP, p. 362

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

**Fraction Anthem:** S 161, "Lamb of God"

*Agnus Dei*

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

*Song 46*

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: H 460, "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

Hyfrydol

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

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

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**The Next Chapter.** Our May fundraising effort wrapped last week, having raised **\$35,900!** That's **85% of our goal of \$42,000**, and nearly \$36,000 to help write the next chapter here at St. John's. Thank you for your generosity! You can still support the "Next Chapter" campaign:



- by check with "Next Chapter 2025" in the memo line;
- online, using the QR code inside or at right, selecting "Next Chapter 2025;" and/or
- by gifting an appreciated stock or mutual fund, or a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. Please designate as "Next Chapter 2025."

For more information, contact Fr. Kevin, Lisa Heller, and/or Andrew Wade.

**Outdoor Eucharist.** We will celebrate our Pentecost Eucharist next Sunday, June 8 outdoors at 9:30 AM. Bring lawn or camp chairs. Wear red. And bring something for the festive coffee hour to follow.

**Volunteers Welcome!** Over the next few months, we are looking for volunteers who may be willing to help members of the vestry with the organization of some upcoming events: a **July 4 celebration** – picnic and sparklers and fireworks viewing, and a **Bishop's visit**. Please be in touch with the office, the wardens, or Fr. Kevin if you are able to assist.

**Coffee Hour.** Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

**Adult Lectionary Forum.** If you'd like to discuss today's readings in greater depth, grab coffee and a snack, and join us in the library after the service.

**Visit Us!** For more information, visit [stjohnscentreville.org](http://stjohnscentreville.org) and subscribe to our E-notes.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant:	The Rev. Kevin Laskowski	Lector:	Jean Makurat
Deacon:	The Rev. Steve Busch	Acolyte:	Val Tucker
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