All Saints Parish

The Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Ascension of Jesus

May 17, 2026 8am



The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome The Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith

Please stand, as you are able, or adopt a posture of reverent prayer.

Officiant Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

People *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

The Officiant 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 you Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant and People

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.*

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you*

Officiant Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the reading of the Lessons.

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 47 *(Please read responsively by whole verse. The Lector will begin))*

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.
3 He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
4 He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
5 God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
7 For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
10 The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

The Epistle
A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:44-53

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you~ that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith

Please stand, as you are able, or adopt a posture of reverent prayer.

The Nicene Creed

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

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Sean and Carrie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

(The Lector continues)

A Litany for Rogation Day

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. May we who have an abundance of water see it as a precious and scarce resource. Help us to be mindful how much is consumed so that we can live in the way that we do: guide us to use it sparingly, and keep us mindful of those who suffer through drought, pollution and flood. We ask this for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We ask in faith: *hear us, good Lord.*

Upon human labor send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and just reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith: *hear us, good Lord.*

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith: *hear us, good Lord.*

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith: *hear us, good Lord.*

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord. Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry; where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice, give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith: *hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant

Almighty God, we praise you for the wonders of your creation. We thank you for the beauty of the world and the vast resources of our planet: beauty that at times we fail to respect; resources that we wantonly exploit.

You have entrusted us with the care of your world: Give us wisdom and compassion, and move us to change our thoughts and our actions, that we and all your people may value the whole of your creation, serve you with responsibility, reverence and joy, and look for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

Announcements

❖ Rogation Day Blessing

The Offertory *Please be seated while the table is being prepared*

As the Offering is presented at the altar, the people stand. The Officiant says,

All things come of thee, O Lord.
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Officiant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Officiant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

Officiant and People

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 Officiant 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Officiant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Officiant and People

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

The Officiant 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.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Officiant

> 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. 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation
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.

The ministers immediately deliver it to the people, saying:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Please be seated. If you wish to accept the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct you to the altar rail.

(please see following page)

COMMUNION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.

Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail.
The bread is received in the open palm.
Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the minister.
Please note that the wine we use in Communion contains alcohol.
The wine may be received by drinking from the larger chalice
(placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it)
or by dipping the wafer of bread in the small chalice.

You are welcome to receive Communion in one kind only.

If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion,
please indicate by folding your arms across your chest.

After Communion, the Officiant says
Let us pray

Officiant and 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.**

Blessing

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



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An Episcopal Community Serving Calvert County & the World

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(Note: The years given above reflect the anticipated last full calendar year of service by the Elected Vestry Person; however, Vestry persons' terms continue until the Annual Parish Meeting of the following year when successors are elected.)

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If you are new to All Saints, welcome! We're glad you're here!
Please fill out a leaflet found on the back of the pew and place it in the Offering plate, or hand it to an usher

Ushers **8am** Julie Schardt, Joe Endy, Nate Pope & Mary Ballard
10:30am: Katlin Bagdovitz, Malane Silver, Amanda Peterson & Nate Pope
Worship Leaders **8am:** Hope Sayles & Barbara Brown
10:30am: Pat Lineberry, Katlin Bagdovitz & Eileen Everhart

During the 10:30 service a staffed Nursery for young children is available in the Parish Hall.
RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL