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Front page artwork

Rüdiger Schopf, The Ascension of Christ, 1405-1407, Manuscript
illustration

This is an example of the type of Ascension image that shows only the feet
of Christ as he rises into the clouds. Usually the Apostles are portrayed as
looking up, even straining their necks; but here their heads are barely
raised. The stylized hill between them would be Mount Olivet, from which
they depart in Acts 1:12.



BULLETIN INSERTS

May 16, 2021 – Easter 7 (B)

Meet Our Religious Communities:
The Third Order, Society of St.
Francis

In 1205, Francis of Assisi was called by God to rebuild the Church.
Early in his ministry, Francis recognized the need to include people
from all walks of life within his movement of reform and renewal.
The work of following Christ in humility, love, and joy, which is the
vocation of all Christians, could not be restricted to the traditional
and cloistered life of the Friars and Sisters (First and Second
Orders). The Third Order was born.

Today, there are estimated to be over a half-million Franciscans
worldwide in the various denominations of the Christian family.
Anglican Franciscans are divided among five provinces around the
globe. The Province of the Americas stretches from Canada to
Chile to the Caribbean. It currently includes the First Order
Brothers and Sisters – who live a celibate life in their respective
communities – and the Third Order.

The Third Order consists of men and women, single or in
committed relationships, who, though following ordinary
professions, are called to a dedicated life of service to our Lord
through prayer, study, and work.

Like the First Order, “Tertiaries”, as they are called, make a lifetime
commitment to live a rule of life in company with the sisters and
brothers in their Order. Tertiaries follow Francis in prayer and
action by striving to be peacemakers, working for social justice, and
deepening our relationship with God. We share Francis’ concerns
for the well-being of the earth, the poor, and the marginalized.

For more information about the Third Order of the Society of St.
Francis, visit tsf.org

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

May 16, 2020

10:30 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday After Ascension Day



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II THE WORD OF GOD

Following ringing of bell - Please observe respectful silence during the Prelude.

Prelude *Poco Allegretto* from Seven Pieces in C Major and Minor

César Franck

Hymn 8 Morning has broken *Bunessan*

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Gloria (spoken)

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day

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

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.

Psalm 1 BCP 585
offered by Jonathan Clawson and Christopher Vasquez

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.

Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation Westminster Abbey (vs. 1 & 4)

John 17:6-19

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.”

The Sermon Fr. Tuck

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People - Form IV BCP 388

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants: Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama, the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B Curry, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark Bourlakas. Pray for Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Lynne Johnson, Susan Williams, Peter Fyfe, Pat Gibson, Alleane Taebel, Vivian & Isabella (Carl Pattison’s granddaughter and great granddaughter), Lucy Moise, Dean Stenzel, Kate Roy Christian, Karen Clark (cousin of Sharon White), John Belsick (friend of the Hotchkiss family), Juanita Ruth One, Kay Glore, William Gibson (brother of Keith Gibson), John Fairchild (friend of the Gibsons), Debbie Arnn, Beverly Weatherly, Ginger Bell Trice (cousin of Tuck Bowerfind), Anne Weede, the Glass family (friends of Connie Bryant), Pricilla Yowal (member of Sudanese diaspora in Roanoke), Judy Eaton (cousin of Lynn Dent), Lynn McCoy (friend of the Crawfords), and those we name in our hearts. Pray for those serving in the military. Pray for those who have died. Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression. In thanksgiving for the birthdays this week of: Ginny Price (5/16), Elaine Price (5/16), John Dickerson (5/17), Cynthia Robertson (5/17), Emily Hellwig (5/18), Joan Crawford (5/20), Foster Pickett (5/20), Garrett Frascati (5/22).

The Peace

Welcome - UTO Ingathering information

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus Hyfrydol arr. Levi Lebsack

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord S-130

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Those not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply signify by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence Christopher Vasquez

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365/366

Blessing

Hymn 655 O Jesus, I have promised Nyland (vs. 1 & 3)

Dismissal

Postlude: Reflection on In Babilone Jonathan Clawson