



Henrico Parish

The Seventh Sunday in Easter: The Sunday after the Ascension

May 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you are here. If you are new to us today and have questions about our worship, please ask our ushers or one of our members in the pews. Here is some information to assist you:

Children's Chapel meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Nursery care is available in the Parish Hall. Your infants and toddlers are welcome to stay in the nursery during the church service.

Other Helpful Information

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall and behind the church.

The Book of Common Prayer is red.

The Hymnal is blue. Numbers preceded by "S" are in the front of the hymnal.

Food and Beverage We thank you for not eating or drinking in the church.

Communion All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive wine by drinking from the chalice, please go to the right at the communion rail. To receive wine through intinction, go to the left; a member of the clergy will dip your wafer in the intinction cup and hand it to you. To take just the wafer or to receive only a blessing, please go to the right. *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.* To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer communion be brought to you in your pew, let the usher know.

We will continue to livestream worship on YouTube for our online community. We hope that by offering an option for online worship, those who are not able to come to church will feel connected.

Our Mission

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all;
serving God, each other, and the community.

The Response *The choir leads the congregation in chanting the psalm.*

Psalm 1



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Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 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**.
- 4 It is not so with the **wicked**; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a-way.
- 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 Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn “Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”

Hymnal 381

The Holy Gospel *Remain standing.*

John 17:6-19

Deacon 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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Doug Wigner

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.*

*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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 translation of the Nicene Creed was approved for congregational use at the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church and is published in [Text Of Expansive Language Liturgies From Resolution 2018-D078](#).

The Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

In this Easter Season, we celebrate the resurrection and our union with Christ in his risen life. Knowing that we are a beloved and redeemed people, let us pray to God who raised his son from the dead, saying "hear our prayer."

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For the courage and the grace to be a Beloved Community, welcoming everyone.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For all houses and places of worship, especially for Holy Comforter, Vienna; St. Mary's, Goochland; and St. Peter's, Port Royal.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our bishops, for the clergy of St. John's, and for all who proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For the elected leaders and unelected policy makers of our nation, and for an informed and active citizenry.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For justice and peace on this earth, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Haiti, South Sudan, and other places of unrest.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For your creation, which you have called good, that our hearts may be enriched to care for it.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are sick, addicted, struggling, burdened, or suffering, especially Amanda Claire, Johnny, Barbara, Lana, Marti, Judith, Brett, Cathy, Pauline, Jane, Kate, George, Mark, John, Stokes, Anne, Shelby, Claudia, Faye, Paul, Will, Mary, Dudley, and Paul.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

Shield the hungry and the oppressed, the incarcerated and the victimized, those in poverty and economic insecurity, and the addicted and the sober.

Hear us when we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

For the dying and the dead, especially for Barbara Crowder, whom we remember today with the flowers at the altar.

God of redemption and renewal, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers together her brood, we offer our prayers this day for all who mother. Bless all mothers, and give them your comfort and strength. We pray for those who act as surrogate, spiritual mothers. We pray with gratitude for all those who give the gift of love and nurturing. And we ask that you help every one of us, brothers and sisters, daughters and fathers and sons, to be your family on earth, as we shall be in Heaven.

Hear us when we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

For our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, offered silently or aloud.

Silence

Hear us when we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

The Offertory Anthem *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

I. Koizumi, T. Yamaguchi

The Presentation of the Offering "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!" *verse 3*

Hymnal 205

3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that

3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 125

The Celebrant continues as participants kneel or remain standing.

The Great Amen

WL&P 863

A - men. A - men. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem *All sing.*

WL&P 875

Cantor or Choir
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*
break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -
Congregation
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
Cantor or Choir
bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though
Congregation
man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Please sit or kneel. All are welcome at Christ's table. *To receive wine by drinking from the chalice, please go to the right at the communion rail. To receive wine through intinction, go to the left; a member of the clergy will dip your wafer in the intinction cup and hand it to you. To take just the wafer or to receive only a blessing, please go to the right. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer communion be brought to you in your pew, let the usher know.*

Communion Hymns "For the bread which you have broken"
"Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen"

Hymnal 341
Hymnal 314

The Post-Communion Prayer

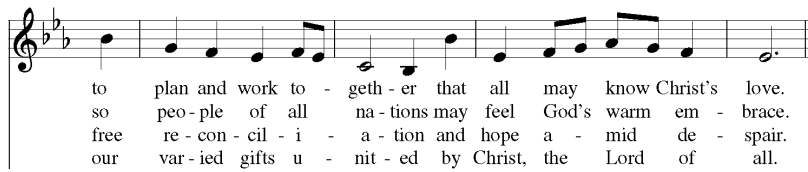
BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional "We all are one in mission"

WL&P 778

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Postlude

The flowers at the altar are given by Ricky, Mike and Laura in memory of Barbara Crowder.

Welcome to St. John's Church

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John's Church your spiritual

home. Please complete a visitor card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate to receive our weekly email. We hope that you will join us immediately following the service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.

Prayer for St. John's Church

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

Land Acknowledgment

Please join us in acknowledging and honoring the Indigenous peoples who are the original inhabitants of the land on which St. John's Church now stands: the Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Monacan, Nansemond, Nottoway, Pamunkey, Patawomeck, Powhatan, Upper Mattaponi, and Rappahannock tribes. We offer our respect to their tribal members past and present.

*Thank you for disposing of your bulletin and insert in the recycling receptacle
if you do not intend to take them with you.*

Serving this Morning

Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Doug Wigner

Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Doug Wigner
Deacon	The Rev. JD Dickinson
Minister of Music	Curt Sydnor
LEM	Patty Soileau
Crucifer	John King
Acolyte	Serafina Stamm
Lectors	Victoria Hauser, Ann Hardy, and Patty Soileau
Ushers	Bert Hillier and Neill Goff
Greeter	John King
Tellers	Bert Hillier and Patty Soileau
Children's Chaplain	The Rev. Anne Lane Witt
Videographer	Mac Woolley
Altar Guild	Martha Broughton, Victoria Rennie, and Lisa Wood
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