



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
May 12, 2024 8:00 a.m.

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The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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

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

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

(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.

Reader 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.

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 Epistle

Reader: A reading from the first letter of 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.**

The Gospel (*Please stand as you are able.*)

(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. Susan Keedy

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:**

**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,
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.**

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Deacon

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Intercessor

Heavenly Father, you have brought us good news of great joy, first in the birth of your Son Jesus, and now in His resurrection from the dead.

By the grace of your spirit, fill us with joy this day and every day.

Risen Lord, you invite us to ask and receive, that our joy may be complete.

Teach us, once again, that our true joy is in you, and remind us that your redeeming love satisfies our deepest desires.

We pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth.

Where it is in error, direct it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Where there is war, conflict, or violence, grant the gift of your peace.

Where there is discord, fill your people with love.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on the clergy, lay leaders, and members of St. Luke's Church and Iglesia El Buen Pastor.

That we all may see what is possible, as we seek to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Embolden us to go among those who are weary, burdened, sick, homeless, refugees, or imprisoned.

That we may cross the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint.

Lord Jesus, pour out your comforting love on those on our church's prayer list, those who are ill or injured, live with chronic disease, and those who grieve the death of a loved one. Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

Silence

Celebrant: Lord, our prayers are many, both spoken and unspoken. We entrust them all to you, and it is in your holy name that we pray. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the celebrant adds a proper preface.

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:

Celebrant 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 congregation may stand or kneel throughout the Eucharistic prayer.

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,

People: **We remember his death.**
 We proclaim his resurrection.
 We await his coming in glory.

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 all your children; 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 Celebrant

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.

And 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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Please make your way forward for communion. If you are unable to come forward, signal to the clergy, or let another worshipper know, and communion will be brought to you.

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as you are able.*

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**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

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Worship Leaders

Presider and preacher: The Rev. Susan Keedy

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Kate Wisz

Reader/Intercessor: John Willard

LEM Chalice: Randy Griffin

Crucifer-acolyte: Randy Griffin

*This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God,
and to welcome our new interim rector, The Rev. Susan Keedy.*

Today we welcome The Rev. Susan Keedy as our interim rector. Rev. Keedy, who prefers to be called Susan, has served as interim rector at three other churches. As she said in her letter to us, “I have served the Episcopal Church as Vestry Member, congregant, University Chaplain, Hospital Chaplain, long-term Rector, Head of School, and Interim Rector (and of course I should add plumber and electrician). I love this church and I love its people even more.”

The parish office will be closed tomorrow-Wednesday, May 13-15 while our parish coordinator is out of town for a family event.

The new Parish Directory is almost ready to go. But first, we need your help! Please check the draft—one in the Sprague Room under the TV and the other on Parish Coordinator’s desk. Just place a check mark beside your name OR make any necessary edits. Thanks!

St. Luke’s Durham Bulls Outing

Would you like to see a Durham Bulls game with St. Luke’s? We are planning a group outing to the Durham Bulls v. Gwinnett Stripers game on Sunday, June 9 at 5:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and are in the Terrace View, Section 210. Deadline to sign up and pay for tickets is Sunday, June 2. There’s a sign-up sheet in the Sprague Room or you can sign up online; the RSVP and signup link are in our ENews announcements. Please give cash or check to Mike or Cindy Henry (Venmo also accepted). Please contact Mike & Cindy Henry for information, Clnh248@gmail.com or 919-471-3030. Join us for a fun night at the ballpark!

St. Luke’s Walkers will hike on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 a.m. on a trail yet to be identified. We recently had an enjoyable time hiking a portion of the American Tobacco Trail. Watch for details about the location for the 25th. Questions? Call Karen Gray at 919-612-0331 or Bill Gutknecht at 919-672-2153.

Please join Johnson Service Corps for our End of Year Celebration!

Sunday, June 2, 4:00-8:30 pm

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 403 E Main Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701

We will have presentations from our fellows (including St. Luke's congregant Charles Mullis!), dinner and fellowship. All are welcome, whether you are currently involved with JSC or want to learn more. RSVP and signup link is in the announcements in the ENews.

Arts at St. Luke's Ministry Opportunity

This volunteer ministry will soon be reconvening, and will be active in facilitating arts events to be presented at St. Luke's and open to the community. Events may be in mediums of music, drama, art, or other forms of expression. Some previous (2017-2019) performers at St. Luke's include the Durham Choral Society Chamber Choir, Durham Savoyards, Davis-Newlin Family, Choral Evensong with St. Matthew's and St. Luke's combined choirs, and pianist Stanton Lanier. Arts at St. Luke's will meet regularly either in person or via Zoom. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Director of Music Kaye Saunders.

Our St. Luke's and LEAP pantries could use the following items:

Pasta, macaroni & cheese, instant rice
ramen noodles, cup-o-noodles
peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit
breakfast cereals, oatmeal, granola bars
canned tuna and chicken
snack items

Pop-top containers (ravioli, fruit, applesauce, etc.) are also helpful for our neighbors who may not have access to can openers. Please leave items in the baskets in the narthex at St. Luke's. Thank you for helping to feed our hungry neighbors!

This Week's Calendar

Today: Sunday, May 12

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Presider and preacher: The Rev. Susan Keedy

9:10-10:10 a.m. Adult learning, *Kramer Room*

Monday, May 13

Parish office closed

4:30-5:40 p.m. SoulWise prayer group, *Kramer Room*

Tuesday, May 14

Parish office closed

Wednesday, May 15

Parish office closed

1:30-3:30 p.m. Needlework Ministry, *Kramer Room*

Thursday, May 16

7-8:30 p.m. Evangelism/Communications Meeting, *on Zoom*

Saturday, May 18

8-10 a.m. Garden Work Day

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild setup

Team: Nora Hammond, Beth Bonner, Peter Kariher, Kelley Lawton

St. Luke's Parish Office Hours:

Mondays 9-1:30*

Tuesdays 9-1:30*

Wednesdays 12-4:30*

Thursdays 9-1:30

***Please note that the parish office
will be closed this Mon-Wed, May 13-15.**

**Our nursery is open Sunday mornings
9-11:30 for infants through children age five.**

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