



Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]

The Rev. Dan Purtell, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Joe DiSalvatore *Music Leader*

John Grant, *Eucharistic Minister*

Eileen DeMings, *Reader*

The Vigil Light burns to the glory of God and
in loving memory of my brother Prince Dellano Browne, given by Lorraine Brumskine.

Processional Hymn *Crown Him with many crowns*

Hymnal (Blue) #494

Salutation Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Song of Praise *Jesus is lord of all the earth*

Hymnal (Blue) #178

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson:

A reading from the book of 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.

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

Silence

Psalm 1 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 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.

Silence

The Second Lesson: A Reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Silence

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

WLP (Green) #848

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ According to 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."

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dan Purtell

Sermon Hymn

This is the Day

Sleeth

Insert

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.

Prayers of the People

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community Holy Trinity, in hope that God may continue to renew us in his love and guide us in our new ministry.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the opportunity for leisure and travel, and in hope that he may watch over and protect all who are traveling, and comfort those who have nowhere to go.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, and in hope that he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially those we name silently or aloud *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may enfold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those we now name, silently or aloud,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

Let us say together:

O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord abide with us always, set our hearts on fire, and open our eyes, so that we may be bewildered by grace and see him at this table, the Christ now entered into glory, firstborn from the dead. Amen

Prayer for the Parish

O wondrous light of the world, we welcome you with joy this and every morning. Your love and compassion know no limits. Through the mystery of your grace, your light, like a good shepherd, guides our way, even in our darkest hours. Give us the strength and courage to share your light, love, and compassion with those we meet on our journey. And may your light shine so brightly in our lives that it is visible to anyone who sees us. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for the Partnership between Holy Trinity and Bethlehem Lutheran:

Our God, we ask for your blessing to guide us in building and rejoicing in our partnership. Strengthen the bonds of faith and fellowship between our people and give us the grace to fulfill your purpose. Amen.

The Peace

"God Moments"

Announcements

Offertory Anthem *We are all one mission*

WLP (Green) #778

Presentation Hymn

Hymnal #380 v. 4

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Liturgy of the Table

Enriching Our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. [Hymnal #S129]

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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 sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

Let us say together the prayer that Christ taught us:

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.

Fraction

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

Communion Instrumental *In remembrance of me*

LEVAS (Red) #149

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: *in unison*

O Christ, you are risen with the sun; you are light in our darkness. May we find our true place in your living Body. May the new covenant through us bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world. Alleluia! You are risen. We are risen with you. Praise and glory to the living God. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hymnal (Blue) #460

Dismissal

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Announcements

A Message From Your Pastor

Beloved Siblings in Christ

I wanted to thank you all for the welcome to this wonderful community. You all have shown beautiful hospitality over the past month. I especially want to thank you for the beautiful gift, the inscribed Book of Common Prayer, I'm certainly excited to see where this adventure takes us.

Also, I would love the chance to get to know all better over a cup of coffee or lunch. Please feel free to be in touch with me by email, pastordan.holytrinity@gmail.com or by cell phone at 860-573-7907.

In peace,

Pastor Dan

Mission Plate for May: Our Mission Plate will go to The Church of the Nativity in Northboro, where an electrical fire caused significant damage to their sanctuary earlier this month.

Food Pantry for May will go to the Bridge Fridge of Southbridge. Please bring canned meat or your favorite nonperishable food.

Volunteers needed: St. Luke's needs help with their car wash on Saturday, June 8, from 8:30-2:00. Anyone under 18 needs a parent with them. You can also support this event by getting your car washed. Please be in touch with Tricia at 774-230-3589 or email, stlukesguesthousetricia@gmail.com

Pentecost Sunday: is next Sunday, May 19. A friendly reminder to wear RED!

Happy Mother's Day!