

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 12, 2024 (10 am)

The Rt. Reverend. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Tom Furrer, Interim Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No. 214 Hail the day that sees him rise – *Llanfair*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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

Song of Praise No. S280

Glory to God

setting: Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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 WORD OF GOD

The First Reading: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 [*sung by the choir*]

Cantate Domino

- 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.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

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 No. 215 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph – *In Babilone*

The Gospel: John 17:6-19

Gospeller 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Furrer

The Nicene Creed [pg 12]

Mothers' Day Litany

Leader: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

Leader: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

Leader: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

Leader: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

Leader: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

Leader: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

Leader: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

Leader: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

Leader: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

Leader: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

Leader: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

Leader: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

Leader: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

Permission to use this litany for public worship is granted.

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The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Prayer for our Rector Search (*in unison*)

O God, giver of all good gifts, look graciously upon Christ Episcopal Church as we seek our next rector to shepherd our parish family. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee and Vestry that they may discern your will. Give them wisdom, patience, and open hearts as they consider candidates. Lead us to a faithful pastor who will preach your Word with truth, care for your people with love, and equip us for the work of ministry. Grant that Christ Church may receive a rector who will serve Us and lead us closer to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem: Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates – William Matthias

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

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

Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship – Prayer 1

Celebrant God 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your

constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

setting: Richard Proulx

**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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

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

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, forever and ever.

AMEN. Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-155

Alleluia! Christ our Passover

setting: Gerald Near

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Distribution

*All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to come to the altar rail for communion. Or, if you would like communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. The bread may be consumed and a sip taken from the common cup, or the bread may be held and dipped or intincted in the common cup **or** if you would simply like a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest and the priest will make the sign of the Cross on your forehead.*

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn no. 494 Crown Him with many crowns – *Diademata*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns – arr. Wilbur Held

Assisting with our Worship at 10 am:

The Parish Choir

Kevin Knowlton – Lector Fred Schweitzer – Chalice Bearer/Lector

Faith Scarmuzzi – Chalice Bearer/Prayers of the People

Becky Watts – Greeter Nancy Forrester – Name Tags

Karen Andrus & Tess Crofford – Altar Guild

Jim Crofford & Sam Heakin – Ushers

Becky & Steve Watts – Coffee Hour Bakers

Deb Murphy & Don Scarmuzzi – Audio/Visual

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINCOLN SCHOOL 8th Grade Graduation On May 21st CEC will welcome 100 Lincoln 8th graders and 15 staff members to a celebratory breakfast to honor their graduation. Volunteers are needed to help welcome, provide table services, decorate and distribute treat bags. If interested, please contact Linda Day at 330-395-8818 or lindabday@aol.com. More info to follow.

PRAYERS NEEDED

We have learned that Father Bob Lindberg is having some health issues and has been put on the list for a kidney transplant. He is asking for prayers for healing and strength. If you are able please keep him in your prayers. You can also send him cards to let him know you are thinking of him. His address is listed below:

Father Bob Lindberg
16 Winch Hill Rd.
Swanzey, NH 03446

BULLETINS:

The bulletins that we print out for the service each week are for your use. We do not need it back. You can take it home with you and put the announcements for the week on your refrigerator.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

There will be an international Potluck on Sunday May 19th. Lynn Peteritis will do a presentation on her experiences traveling to China and Fr. Tom will give us a Kateri update. It is also Pentecost, so wear your red!

Here's the alphabet breakdown for food:

A-E last names: bring desserts

F-S last names: bring main dish (international favorite would be great!!!!).

T- Z last name: bring veggie or your choice

Drinks will be provided. Let's have some fun and listen to our church family member and leader!!!!!!

SIGNING DIOCESAN RELEASE;

We are required to have picture release forms signed in order for the diocese to use our pics for the diocesan search profile they are developing. Forms are in the narthex on the tables or in the library on the tables. Please sign if you agree to having your picture used. You can leave them on the tables signed or give them to an usher or vestry/ search committee member. Thanks

LINCOLN SCHOOL WOW! What a difference a week makes. Last Thursday our CEC emergency bag crew was at Lincoln School. We prepared 100 food bags. When finished the shelves were bare. A plea went out for food for the Pantry. Prayers were answered. When I went to collect food from the Blessing Boxes I teared up. There were cases of macaroni and cheese, spaghetti cups, ramen noodles, chicken soup cups, drink boxes, treat items and fruit cups enough to fill my trunk and the back seat of my car.

I sent an email to the Community Liaisons to let them know that a flatbed was needed. When I got to school one of the Liaisons shared with me that a school staff member had expressed concern that there were three more weeks of school left and there was no food on the shelves. Thankfully people with hearts of gold answered. CEC is filled with very special people. God Bless You!

The food was transferred from my car and the flatbed was piled high.

On Thursday CEC's emergency bag crew will once again pack 100 food bags which by Friday will have been distributed. Children will have dinner because of you. Thank You!

ONCE AGAIN GOD BLESS YOU!

CREED *(follows sermon)*

We be - lieve in God al - might - y, An - chor
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and
We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bond - ing

of scorned all things that be, Ma - ker
all and the cru - ci - fied; tak - en
all the saints with in one Church

of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er
from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life
cath' - lic. one Church ho - ly. where for -

of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son,
there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the
give - ness frees from sin; in the bo - dy's re - sur -

Je - sus, now for us both Lord and
third day Christ was raised up from the
rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's

Christ of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to
grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will
chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. this the

bring a - bun - dant life,
come to judge and save.
faith that we have claimed.

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God 35

Refrain

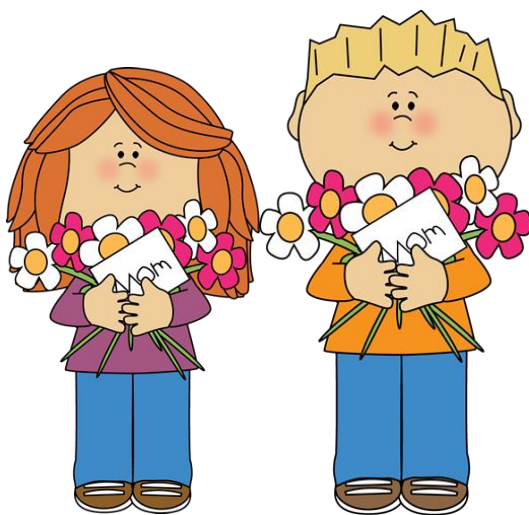
Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Happy Mother's Day



WE LOVE YOU MOMS!!!