



# ST. JAMES

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

May 12, 2024  
8:00A.M.

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*Welcome!* Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand when the ministers of the service enter*

Opening Acclamation

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Gloria

BCP 324

*The appointed Collect of the Day and Lessons are found on the next page.*

The Sermon

The Rev. R. Lynn Hooks

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

*see insert*

The Peace

Welcome & Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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## Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Read responsively by half verse.*

## Psalm 1

- <sup>1</sup> 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!**
- <sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
    **and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> 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.**
- <sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked; \*  
    **they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
    **nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- <sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
    **but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand.*

John 17:6-19

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Anne Boudreaux & Joe McAloon by Margaret Boudreaux.*

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## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, Don, and Lynn, our priests; Pat, our deacon; and Austin, our seminarian; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and School, New Orleans.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially, Joe, our President; Jeff, our Governor; and Sharon, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray for the victims of violence and war, especially those in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor especially Teresa, Todd, Anne, DJ, Martha, Freda, Jim, those on our prayer list, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

O Lord and giver of life, receive our prayers for expectant mothers, especially Sloane, Elizabeth, Robin, and Ally, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving thee in all things may rejoice in thy providence.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Bilwood Smith, Vicki Terry, and Mary Beachum, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**