

Welcome to St. Paul's!

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Day

May 16, 2021

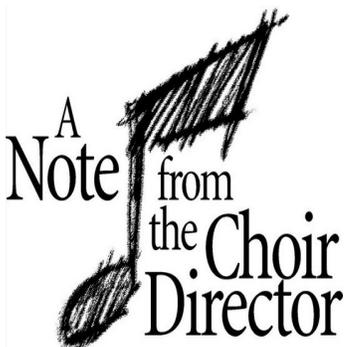
Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church as we celebrate today Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God. This is the second of the three great events of the victory of Easter (resurrection, ascension, gift of the Spirit).

The reading from Acts is Luke's description of the ascension and of Jesus' final instruction to the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Paul discusses the meaning of that event for us in today's reading from Ephesians. Not only has Jesus ascended to the Father, but by virtue of our incorporation into his life we share in his place of honor with God and all the saints.

The Gospel reading from Luke is a simple and direct account of the disciple's last meeting with Jesus. Luke will pick up this story again in his second book, the Acts of the Apostles, when the result of waiting in the city is the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

As we celebrate the Eucharist we are reminded that in this and every Eucharist the Church ascends into the presence of God to stand with Jesus at God's right hand, sharing in the joys of the Kingdom and offering through Christ the whole creation that it may be filled with grace and redemption.



About today's music: Many thanks to Sherri Ward and Bill Myers for providing such beautiful musical offerings today.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude

Salvation Now Has Come to Us

Anonymous, 18th century

Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able.

The Celebrant says

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.*

Gloria

*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,

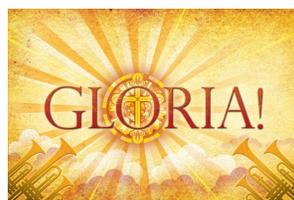
*Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:*

*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.*



Collect for the Ascension, the Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 47 (Read in Unison)

Omnes gentes, plaudite

1 *Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
 shout to God with a cry of joy.*

2 *For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
 he is the great King over all the earth.*

3 *He subdues the peoples under us, *
 and the nations under our feet.*

- 4 *He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*
- 5 *God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.*
- 6 *Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.*
- 7 *For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.*
- 8 *God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.*
- 9 *The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.*
- 10 *The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.*

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Mary Friel

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Intercessor

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us, for our lives and for those whom we love, for the beauty of this home God has created for us, for our families and our friends let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church and the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Chris Pupke and Donna Roland who are celebrating their birthdays this week

(The People may add their own thanksgivings)

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of J. Rosse Collins, Ann Collins Hawes, Elizabeth Bodine Collins and Jackson Rosse Collins.

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer

Celebrant.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Larghetto

William Myers, 'cello

*G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we ay,

Sanctus

*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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

As now, 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.*



Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Communion Music

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

*J.G. Walther
(1684-1748)*

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

*J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)*

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Sherri Ward, soloist

*Peter Cutts
(b. 1937)*

Post-communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

*Robert Powell
(b. 1932)*

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 9, 2021

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

Thomas Miller	Michael Millison	Don Wood	Larry Webster
David Wiley	Linda Fleetwood	Caleb Schneck	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Scott Miller	Marlyn Siegel	Sharon Cook
Richards Tillman	Jane Mashburn	Jimmy Miller	Anne Rowland
Ron Brown	Dot Abbott	Melinda Green	The Rev. Kevin Cross
Chelsea Ward	Sandy Northern	Chad Henry	Marcie Taylor Thoma
Kathryn Marchi	Elizabeth Lepre'	Tren Ward	Abbey Rapoport
Irene Kaufmann	Allison Kelly	Christina Smith	Trish Reynolds
Becky Richardson	Juanita Wooten	Charley Johnson	Michael Chamberlain
Debbie Ambrose	Larry Samuels	Jack Moore	Tom Mendenhall
Whitney Wealing	Pete Caesar	Anthony Loiacono	Nancy Hilton
Brenna Wilson	John Perkins	Sheila Blake	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Barbara Pearson Rac	Nancy Crim	Iris Hager	Donald Couch
Donna Morris	Jennifer Gutmann	Tricia McMahan	The Rev. Pete Stanton
Jack Syme	Mike Robertson	Maureen Whaley	JoLou and Jerry Klingler
Heather Kinnamon	Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton	Louis & Janet Palmatary
The Reverend Elizabeth Felicetti	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson		
The Rev. Sheila N McJilton	All those suffering with the coronavirus		

This Week at St. Paul's

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by contemplative prayer.

Mid-week Service:

Please join us at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. Afterwards you are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. This week we will honor Thurgood Marshall, lawyer and jurist.

Help Wanted

Our kitchen and counter in the Harper Room are very much in need of a spring cleaning. Given covid restrictions, we are asking interested volunteers to come for an hour or so

and tackle a drawer or a cupboard. Many hands make light work! Please see Reverend Mary if you have any questions.

Pentecost

Sunday, May 23 is the Feast of Pentecost. We will be reading the Acts of the Apostles lesson in many languages. If you are interested in participating, please let Reverend Mary know. You do not need to be fluent in the language.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are asked to sign up in the Coffee Hour Room. Items must be individually packaged. In the event of rain, there will be no coffee hour.



The Bishop is Coming!

Bishop Santosh Marray will be visiting St Paul's on Sunday, June 27. Parishioners interested in being confirmed or received are asked to see Reverend Mary. Those already confirmed in a denomination upholding apostolic succession, such as Roman Catholics and Lutherans are received.



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*
 The Rev. Mary Friel, *Rector*
 The Rev. Peggy Samuels, *Deacon*
 Julia Morris-Myers, *Director of Music*
 Mike Olson, *Senior Warden*
 Bob North, Jr. *Warden*
 Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*
 Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*
 Peggy Andrews, *Registrar*
 Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*
 Laura Kaufmann, *Cantor and Bell Choir Director*
 Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*
 Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*
 Arline Mayer, *Volunteer Office Assistant*
 Jordyn Britton, *Housekeeping*
 Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*

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J. Rosse Collins
Ann Collins Hawes
Elizabeth Bodine Collins
Jackson Rosse Collins

The Vestry

'22 Peggy Andrews
 Dan Macari
 Matt Ward
 '23 Mark Freestate
 Alan Griffith
 Catherine Kirchner
 '24 Sharon Burak
 Elsie Gerdom
 Carol Lorditch



The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

	5/9	5/16
<i>Ministry</i>	10:00am	10:00am
<i>Lector</i>	Ned Aull	Sharon Burak
<i>Ushers</i>		
Commerce St. Usher:	John Friel	Scott Hazuda
Liberty St. Usher:	Kim Hazuda	David Cooper
Inside Church Usher:	Stoney Duffey	Dan Rugg
<i>Counters</i>	Charlotte McClatchy	Byron Luna
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sally Cooper Diane Freestate Arline Mayer	Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull Sue Miller
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