



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

Gloria in excelsis

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 of the Day

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The Lesson: Acts (16:16–34)

Commentary:

Paul and his companions made Philippi their headquarters as they continued to spread the gospel throughout the province of Macedonia, and there they encountered a demon-possessed slave girl used by her masters to make money through fortune telling. The demon within her knew of Paul and his work, but this was not the kind of endorsement Paul wanted. At the proper time, Jesus, working through Paul, cast the demon out. The slave girl's masters, angry at the loss of income, had Paul and Silas thrown in jail. The jailer treated his prisoners as dangerous criminals but they did not respond to this treatment in the ordinary way, something so obvious to the other prisoners that when all could have escaped, none did. Paul's and Silas' love and concern for the jailer won him over and he was baptized. Taken together, the accounts in Acts 16 of Paul's interactions with a businesswoman, a slave girl and a jailer remind us that the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ is for everyone.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John (17:20–26)

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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

The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant and People

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with

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 Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard.

Guest instrumentalist: Andrew Anagnost, cello

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MAY 30-JUNE 3

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
All Day
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 31

- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

- STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th St.
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- EPISCOPOSSE BIBLE STUDY
8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

- DIOCESEAN CONVENTION
St. James Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

- DIOCESEAN CONVENTION
St. James Parish
- QUIET REFLECTION
7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

PENTECOST

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:30AM | St. James Parish
- ONLINE LIVE STREAM
10:30 AM | Website or FB
- SARA WESTERMARK RECITAL
2:00 PM | St. James
- PARISH PICNIC
4:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

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