

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*The Observance of Ascension Day*

May 12, 2024 ~ 8:00 a.m.



**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

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We are so pleased that you are worshipping with us here at St. Philip's.

If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to us or fill out a pew card so we can stay in touch. Also, please feel free to come to the Parish Hall for coffee between the services.

We are an active church and eager to make you welcome in our midst, but we shall do so only at your comfort level. Please share your needs and concerns with us and allow us to be helpful in your spiritual journey.

We look forward to getting to know you, and hope that you become a part of the life of St. Philip's.

If there is anything I can personally do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

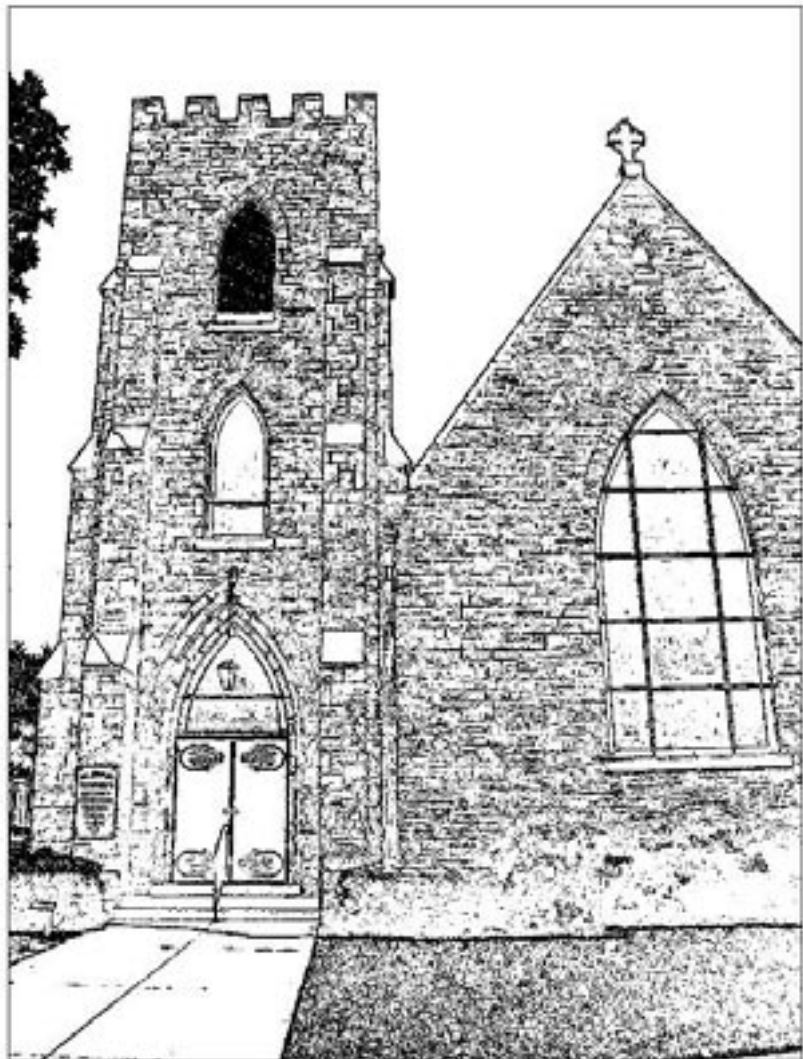
*Fr. Mike* ✠



*Assisted listening devices are available in the back of the church. An usher will provide you with one and show you how it works.*

*The Restrooms are located across the hall from the Parish Offices.*

*If you need assistance locating the restrooms, please ask one of the Ushers.*



# The Word of God

## Opening Acclamation

*When the bell rings three times, everyone stands as each person is able.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*All remain standing as able until the Lessons.*

## The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant then continues:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

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*Gloria in excelsis This hymn of glory to God is said by all, facing the Altar.*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace,  
good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant then says*

O 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 abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Lessons *All are seated until the reading of the Gospel.*

### The First Lesson: 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 *Remaining seated, the reading is said responsively*

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| 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *<br>shout to God with a cry of joy.                | 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *<br>the pride of Jacob whom he loves.       |
| 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *<br>he is the great King over all the earth. | 5 God has gone up with a shout, *<br>the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.   |
| 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *<br>and the nations under our feet.                 | 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *<br>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 Paul's 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.

*All stand as the Gospel is processed into the congregation, please turn and face the Gospel book.*

### **The Gospel:** Luke 24:44-53

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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. And 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 be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

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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.

The Prayers of the People

*adapted from BCP p. 328*

*The Leader and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling*

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

Intercessor Almighty God, who hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people, receive these our prayers which we humbly offer unto thy divine Majesty.

Intercessor Inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord;

*People* 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.

Intercessor Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Poulson our Bishop;

*People* That they may set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Intercessor In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philip's, Ardmore and Ardmore Village, Ardmore; in the Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philip's Vestry And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, especially to this congregation here present;

- People** That we may hear and receive thy holy Word and Sacrament, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.
- Intercessor We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our president, Kevin, our governor, Nancy, our mayor, and the leaders in our surrounding towns and communities;
- People** That they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.
- Intercessor Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works;
- People** That we may honor thee with our substance and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.
- Intercessor And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, to comfort and succor [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.
- People** That they may be delivered from their distress and live the residue of their life in thy faith and fear.
- Intercessor We pray in thanksgiving for our families, friends, and neighbors, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] for the gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms: for the mothers among us today, our own mothers, and all women and men who have mothered others in any way, and for all thy blessings;
- People** That those we love may live in joy, peace, and health, serving Christ in one another and in thy whole creation.
- Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service;
- People** Grant us thy grace, so that we may follow the good examples of Philip and of all thy saints, that with them we also may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.
- Intercessor Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*A Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

## The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

**The Peace** *All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Recognition of Graduates**

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings and Announcements**

## Holy Eucharist

**Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence from Scripture.*

*Representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings, which are then placed on the Altar.*

**Celebrant** All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People** And of thine own have we given thee.

**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer 2**

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*The people stand as they are able.*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus** 🛎🛎🛎

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



*The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

## **The Great Amen**

*People* AMEN 🛎️🛎️🛎️

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*When approaching the altar, standing and kneeling are equally appropriate.*

## All are welcome at the Lord's Table

*For those who wish to take Holy Communion or receive a blessing, come forward to the Altar rail. Some people will kneel while others will stand; both are appropriate. When the host is offered, simply hold out your hand - palm up - to receive the Bread.*

*You may receive the wine from the common cup (chalice) or from the disposable cups. To receive from the chalice, guide the cup to your lips by holding the base with your fingers. You may also dip the bread lightly into the chalice. For the disposable cups, take a cup of wine from the tray and dispose of the cup in the bowl behind you when finished, return to your seat using the aisles on the far left or right. (Anyone who is unable to come to the Altar rail, please notify the ushers and Holy Communion will be brought to you.)*

*Should you not wish to receive Communion but prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, thus alerting the priest that you wish to be blessed.*

*The people stand or kneel as able*

## Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The people stand as able*

## **Blessing**

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!**

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
In memory of Linda Blackwood, mother of Leslie Bates,  
by her Altar Guild Team*

## Today's Worship Participants

**8am**

Jeff Colclasure  
Josie Lytkowski  
Will Lytkowski and Michael Lytkowski  
Jane Ann Bramlett  
Jeff Cloclasure  
Jeff Cloclasure  
Josie Lytkowski  
Will Lytkowski  
Vicki Broaddrick & Jane Ann Bramlett  
Crystal Cortés

Ushers  
Crucifer  
Torch Bearers  
Subdeacon  
The First Reading  
The Psalm  
The Epistle  
Intercessor  
Chalicians  
Cameras

**10:30am**

John Sjulín & Louis Hope  
Ella Moen  
Lauren Langley and Bailey Langley  
Jane Ann Bramlett  
Pam Kimbrough  
(sung)  
Sally Cumpton  
Laurel McCulloh  
Dee Smith & Pam Kimbrough  
Matt Wells

Lay Eucharistic Visitor ~ Randy Simmons  
Vestry Representatives ~ Todd Yeager & Jill Daugherty  
Altar Guild ~ Laurel McCulloh, Lisa Wells, Lisa Hanna, Judy Mashunkashey

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