

Zion Episcopal Church Manchester, Vermont
 Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Sunday after the Ascension
 Sunday, May 12th, 2024 - 10 a.m.
 The Holy Eucharist Rite II
 The Rev. David Fredrickson

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

PROCESSIONAL *Hail thou once despised Jesus!* H 495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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 *Worthy is Christ* **H 417 (vss. 1-3)**

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, — whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, — and
3 Sing — with all the peo - ple of God, — and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For — the Lamb — who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
2 hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
5 gun his — reign. — Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: 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 ²⁵to 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: Psalm 1

¹Happy 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!
²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
 and they meditate on his law day and night.
³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 everything they do shall prosper.
⁴It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment
comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

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.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *We All Are One in Mission* WLP 778 (vss. 1, 4)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is a single melodic line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The second system is a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the first system of music.

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples saying, "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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON – The Rev. David Fredrickson

THE 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Dear people of God, as our loving Father raised Jesus into glory, may we know that we are not alone, that we dwell in God as God dwells in us, and that the ascended Christ is with us always. In this assurance, let us bring our prayers and petitions before God.

Arise in us, O God:
That we may be a blessing to the world.

Gracious God, as we come before you, fill us with your Spirit, renew our vision, restore our faith, and refresh your church. We pray that the whole people of God may know you and show forth the gifts of the Spirit.

Arise in us, O God:

That we may be a blessing to the world.

We pray for the church today, and for all its individual members, that we may be communicators of the gospel of Christ to a world so in need of the good news. In the Anglican Communion we pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. We also pray for Shannon our bishop, all the clergy, and lay leaders in our diocese and the church universal around the world.

Arise in us, O God:

That we may be a blessing to the world.

We pray for the leaders of nations, that they may serve with integrity and justice, and that they may always remember that their gifts and power are for the common good. We pray for peace and for the time when the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of God.

Arise in us, O God:

That we may be a blessing to the world.

Grant, O God, that in our churches, our workplaces, schools and homes we may learn to wait upon you. Make us sensitive to each other and to the needs of those around us. As you give us gifts, may we freely share them with others. Teach us, God, to be gracious and generous, and to be a thankful people. We give thanks for our many blessings.

Arise in us, O God:

That we may be a blessing to the world.

Creator God, may the glory of your presence transform lives that are dull and drab. We pray that all who are depressed or discouraged may discover your Spirit enlivening their lives. May all people find in this parish community your love and your care.

Arise in us, O God:

That we may be a blessing to the world.

We pray for our friends and loved ones who are struggling at this time, and for all those who are ill or with special needs from our parish prayer list: Allen; Anne; Anthony; Barry; Betsey; Betty; Blair; Bob C; Bob T; Cameron; Carolynn; Charles; Chloe; Chris; Cynthia; Danielle; Donna; Elliot; Grady; Greg; Hugo; Jess; Jim S; John F; John K; John R; John S; Katie; Kevin; Lois; Mabel, Mary; Megan; Michael and his wife Alison; Paxton; Perez; Phoebe; Rebecca; Regina; Ray; Rowan; Sooz; Stephanie; Sue; Suzanne; Susie; Tom; Will; Fr. Ian as he travels within Peru; those being held hostage in Gaza, and those we remember now either silently our aloud...

Arise in us, O God:

That we may be a blessing to the world.

We give thanks that when we face death we have been given the hope of life eternal. You renew us by your Spirit and restore us in your love. We pray for all who have passed through death and now rejoice in greater life. This morning, we remember especially Martha and Robert Sanborn in whose honor and memory the altar flowers have been given.

Arise in us, O God:

That we may be a blessing to the world.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ave Maria* ...G. Caccini

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 thanks and praise.***

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 sing,

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy* S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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.

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, 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 ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as 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,
forever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM*Christ our Passover***S 154***This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION**COMMUNION HYMN** *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* **H 307**

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

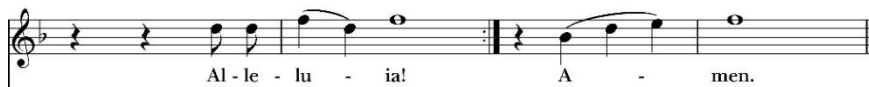
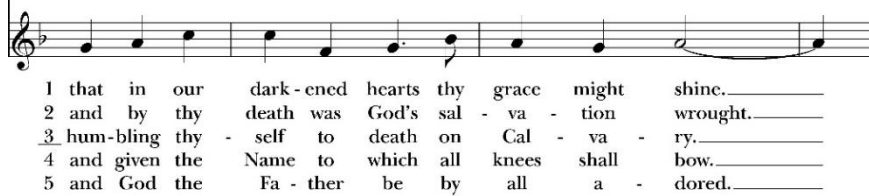
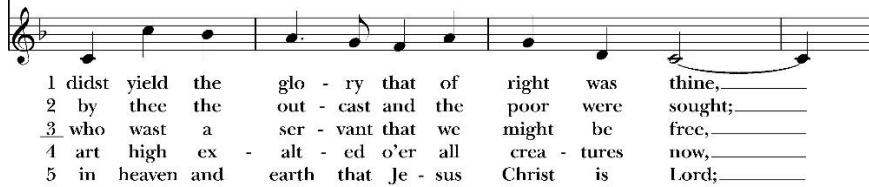
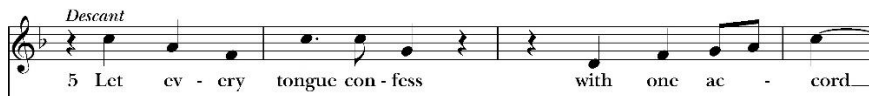
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

BLESSING



DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*