



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NC

# Seventh Sunday in Easter

## May 16, 2021

The Rev. Paul H. Castelli, AF, SCP – Celebrant and Preacher

Dexter Ruffin, Organist (no music at 8:00am service)

Lay Readers: Kristine Daynes (8:00am), John Crudup (10:30am) Ushers: Henry Long, Brandon McLean

Counters: Jim Davis, Eliza Stephenson

### HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 8:00 & 10:30 AM

#### Open Voluntary

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Opening Hymn

*O thou who camest from above*

**H 704**

#### Opening Acclamation

**BCP 355**

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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 (*spoken*)

**BCP 356**

**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.**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

**\* Collect of the Day**

**BCP 226**

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 WORD OF GOD**

**The Lesson**

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 1**

**BCP 585**

<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.

**The Epistle**

**1 John 5:9-13**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**\* Sequence Hymn**

***Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life***

**H 487**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**\* The Gospel**

**John 17:6-19**

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."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People*

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Paul H. Castelli, AF, SCP**

**\* Nicene Creed (Standing)**

**BCP 358**

**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, Form III**

**BCP 387**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Anne, our Bishops; Paul, our rector, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and those in religious orders.

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for Joe our President, Roy our Governor, and Carlton our Mayor and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on; those who have immediate needs -- Pat Grainger, Elizabeth Thomas, Buster Dawson, Eva Morriss, Mike Pierce, Tom Sheen, Joanna Powell, Brenda Toole, Ruth Schoenberg, Dewey Sheffield, the Foltz family, Kris Hing, Miles Johnson, April Lamm, Bobby Cunningham, those affected by Covid-19, those affected by the lack of respect for the dignity of every person; and, those who have ongoing needs as listed in our website and those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed, eternal rest; especially Bonnie Campbell, and Katherine Scott,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

We pray for the mission and ministries of our sister Episcopal Churches of St Mark's and Guadalupana.

We pray for our military personnel serving throughout the world, particularly those in war zones. We pray for those affected by terrorism, both domestic and abroad, and for those who protect us from such acts of violence; especially Col. Kye Tso McCook.

We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially; Phillip Long, Pat Williams, Mary Long, Sunshine Barnes, Kathy Moore, John McCartney Gliarmis, Lee Walker Gliarmis, Jay Summerlin, Jim Davis, Haywood Edmundson IV, Lanie Jinks, Pete Schoenberg, Chuck Floars, Larry Pappas, and Edith Ristau.

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### **Concluding Collect**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted. The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.  
Minister 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **\* The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **\* Doxology**

### **\* Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP 372**

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

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 him 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 sing (say),

## **Sanctus**

**BCP 363**

*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 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 blessed Timothy, our patron,) 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.

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**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.**

### **Fraction** *(spoken)*

**BCP 364**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

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

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

Agnus Dei  
*(spoken)*

**S 162**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

### **Communion**

*Now the silence*

**H 333**

***We know that Christ is raised and dies no more***

**H 296**

*We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated bread and wine.*

*Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians and they are invited at this time to the altar rail to receive Christ's Body and Blood. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please inform the Priest and one will be provided for you.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to signify that to the Priest.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

*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.**

*Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth by all, saying:* We send you forth bearing these holy gifts,  
that those to whom you go may share with us one bread and one cup, the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**Blessing**

**\* Dismissal**

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

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

**\* Closing Hymn**

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

**H 490**

**Closing Voluntary**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Reminder: UTO Boxes

**United Thank Offering boxes to be returned today, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**



### Office Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to work in the office to help with answering phones and other tasks. Hours available are Monday-Thursday 9am-12noon or 1:30pm-4:30pm, and Fridays 9am-12noon. If you can help contact Evelyn Baskervill to discuss scheduling at (252) 230-4941 or email ebaskervill@yahoo.com.

### Sign Up Continues for Holy Eucharist Services

Online sign up to reserve a seat for our in-person Holy Eucharist continues for Wednesdays at 12:05pm, and Sundays 8:00am and 10:30am.

**The current capacity limit for each service is 50 people.** If you sign up and your plans change and you cannot attend, please cancel your seat so someone else can attend.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

**May 23, Pentecost -- Don't forget to wear red/flame colored clothing for Pentecost!**

**May 31, Memorial Day – Church office CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day.**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
her brother,

**Spencer Summey,**

by Jan and Billy Hemby