

**Saint Philip's
Episcopal Church**



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
Holy Eucharist Rite II
May 12, 2024
10:15 a.m.**

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail the Day that sees Him rise

HYMNAL 214

OPENING SALUTATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept.*)

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.**

(*Please be seated for the scripture readings.*)

A READING FROM ACTS

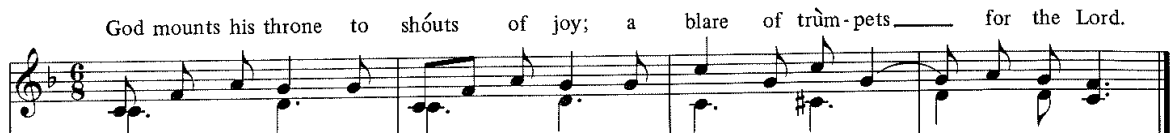
Acts 1:1-11

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



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All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great King over all the earth.

[ANTIPHON]

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our King, sing praise. **[ANTIPHON]**

God is king of all the earth; sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **[ANTIPHON]**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

Gospeler: 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. 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.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Robert Bunker

(Silence is kept after the Sermon for reflection)

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

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers.

Intercessor: In the power of Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying **"Hear us, O Lord."**

We give thanks for resurrection hope and the joy it brings to God's people, God's creatures, and God's creation. Let us pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

We pray for all nations and peoples on earth, especially for those who suffer from the effects of war, drought, famine, flood, earthquake and tornados. May all people be transformed by the love, justice and peace of God. Let us pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

We pray for the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, called to bring reconciliation to the world. Let us pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

We ask God's healing mercies to surround those who need them, especially for those on our parish prayer list. Let us pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

We also pray for those whom we wish to name at this time, either silently or aloud. (You may offer your intercessions at this time.) Let us pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

We pray for the saints who have gone before us into resurrection light and joy. Let us pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

We give you thanks, O God, for all that you have given us, especially for the signs of new birth in creation around us and in this parish family. Help us to be good

stewards of all your blessings. Give us ever-generous hearts for your mission and ministry here at St. Philip's. Let us pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, and ourselves, to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

Celebrant 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.**

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

THE OFFERTORY (If you wish to make an offering, then please place your offering in the collection plate.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

With a voice of singing by M. Shaw

Celebrant: All things come from you, oh Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

(The congregation is invited to stand, if able, during the Eucharistic Prayer.)

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

The 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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever blessed Virgin Mother, blessed Joseph, blessed Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please come forward, while maintaining distance from other parishioners, to receive communion. At this service, please come up to the table. You may receive both bread and wine, or bread only. If you prefer to receive the bread from the priest then please hold out your hands. You may also drink from the chalice (**please note that we are not permitted to allow for intinction.**) You are also welcome to take the containers of the bread and wine and return to your pew to consume (**Do not consume the bread and wine until you have returned to your seat**). For those who wish to have wine, please take a plastic cup. **Note: We have gluten free wafers if you need one. Just indicate this when you come forward.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

LEVAS 154

Refrain:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and a triplet of eighth notes in the final staff. The word "Fine" is written above the end of the third staff.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*said by all together*)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail Thee Festival Day

HYMNAL 216

DISMISSAL

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all who are in need, and for those on our parish prayer list: Krisa Arzayus, Edd Beavers, Stacey Bonsall, Vera and Robert Brosky, Tripp Carey, Bill Cooke, Pat Davis, Cherie Dodgson, Laurie Dusterwald, Jo Ann Elkins, Fred Fant, Shadi Goodman, Donna and Jim Overocker, Keith Reilly, Patricia Rhodes, Rebecca Ricketts, John Seals, Barbara Shearin and family, Jackie Sturr, Jim Toole, Michael Turner, Phyllis Walcott, Heather Sparby Welsh, Stephen Wheeler.

We also pray for those on our long term parish prayer list: Mary Biancos, Jayne Chew, Jaimie Cooper, Robert Diggs Sr., Vernida Diggs, Bob and Felicia Harris, Karen Horne, Natalie Hudson, Ann Jess, Charlotte and Jason Khan, Varis Knight, Susan and Albin Kuhn, Kathy Macoughtry, Michael Medellin, Sandee Olek & John Potts, Linda Stapf, Roburma Ware, Mary Carroll Wilbanks.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Elkins, friend of Pat Higgins.

We pray for all who serve in our Armed Forces, and all affected by armed conflicts. We pray for the Church, that it may be united in mission, serving all of God's people as Jesus served us. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today especially for the Anglican Church of Burundi. In the Diocese of Washington Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all mothers and those who have been as mothers to us; pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall (May 17). We pray also for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Mariann, our Bishop; for Robert, our Rector, for Donna, who is a candidate for Holy Orders for the diaconate, and for all lay ministers empowered by baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

401 CLUB CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

On May 19th, after the 10:15 service, the 401 Club will lead a car wash fundraiser to benefit the Little Chapel Pantry. Last year we raised over \$500, this year we're hoping to raise even more! Bring your dirty cars – we'll have music, lawn chairs, and a cooler full of drinks. You can sit back and relax while we get your car sparkling clean! We are asking for a donation for the Little Chapel Pantry (min \$10 recommended). Cash, checks, or Venmo accepted.

Parents with children – please do join us! There will be plenty of jobs for everyone, even the little ones. Just make sure they dress in clothes that can get wet!

Have questions or want to volunteer to help? Contact Jennifer Toole at jtoole@tooledesign.com, or 443-956-9945.

LITTLE CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY NEWS FOR MAY

We really need the following:

- clean paper bags, with or without handles (the larger grocery bag size)
- reusable shopping bags (clean)
- personal hygiene products

We DO NOT need egg cartons or clothing.

Dates for volunteers:

Friday May 17(unloading)

Saturday May 18 (preparing bags)

Sunday May 19 (distributing)

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 9

Welcome friends and family to our favorite outdoor event at 11:45 am (after 10:15am service) on June 9. We will grill burgers, dogs and veggie meats. Iced tea and soda to be provided. Please contribute as you are able: suggest last names A-K bring a dessert and L-Z bring a side. Don't forget a comfy chair or blanket and SUNSCREEN. Feel free to bring beer or other favorite alternative beverage.

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

We will recognize all of our St. Philip's graduates at the 10:15 service on June 9 (Picnic Sunday). If your child(ren) or anybody in your family is graduating high school or college, I would appreciate your e-mailing me (rev.bunker@gmail.com) to let me know. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments.

Coming June 2 - Tending Our Soil Flower Planting and Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss it! The Tending Our Soil Ministry is excited to invite you to an afternoon of fun and fellowship! On Sunday, June 2nd, after the 10:15 service, we will be tending our soil in a variety of ways!

- planting flowers in the soil around the Little Chapel Food Pantry
- planting flowers in pots filled with soil to take to our homes
- tending to St. Philip's unique "soil" composition (our unique parish identity)

But wait, there's more! - - and it involves ice cream!

After the 10:15 service, we will gather in Wyatt Hall briefly, then head outside to the Little Chapel Food Pantry where we will enliven the grounds with beautiful flowers. We will then plant our own flowers into take-home pots before heading back inside for an Ice Cream Social! While enjoying the cool treats, the Tending Our Soil Ministry team will share some things we've learned about our St. Philip's soil over the past year of Tending Our Soil Ministry. Hope to see everyone there!!