



Liturgy Insert for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rite II – 9:00 am

May 12, 2024

**This insert changes weekly and is used with the Sunday Liturgy which is reused through the season of Easter.*

***The altar flowers today are given by
Tom & Nancy Doherty in memory of their parents.***

Opening Hymn	<i>Blue Hymnal</i> 494
Offertory Hymn	<i>Blue Hymnal</i> 495
Communion Hymn	<i>Blue Hymnal</i> 314
Closing Hymn	<i>Blue Hymnal</i> 437

Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

A 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.**

Collect for Mother's Day

Eternal God - we are created in your image, male and female. We thank you for motherhood in this world, for those who nurture, teach, and bring forth new life.

Give us grateful hearts for the dedication and love of our mothers. Heal us when our relationships are not what we dreamed. Comfort us whenever the ache of separation reveals the depth of our love. Help us bring forth forgiveness when there is injury. Help us forgive ourselves. Stand fast with those who have not been able to become mothers. Support us as we rest in your joy, eternal God, nurturer of creation. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader: 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 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Reader: We will chant the psalm.

- 1 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!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 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.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Reader: 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

Blue Hymnal 193 vs 1,3,5

**That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**O Jesus King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.**

The Gospel

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Shawn Dickerson

After the sermon silence is kept.

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First Come to Dinner Event



Spring Tea Event



Events at St Paul's

- ✦ **Book Club** meets Wednesday, May 15th at 1:00 pm in the Kelly Room.
Book to be discussed: ***The Midnight Library***
by Matt Haig
Book for June: ***Faith Bass Darlings Last Garage Sale***
by Lynda Rutledge
- ✦ **Pentecost & Baptisms** Sunday, May 19th at 9:00 am.
- ✦ **Diocesan Renewal Gathering** Sat, June 1st at 9 am Salem.
- ✦ **Spring Clean-up** Sunday, June 2nd after worship.
- ✦ **Come to Dinner** Wednesday, June 5th at 5:30 pm.
- ✦ **Kick-off to Summer** Saturday, June 8th at 5:30 pm.
Spaghetti Dinner featuring The Saggy Bottom Band and Raffle for a seven night stay at the beach.
Dinner Tickets \$25 Raffle Tickets \$25 or 5 for \$100
Tickets for dinner and the raffle are available at Coffee and at the office during office hours.

Sunday Ministry Schedule

Day	Grt	Ushers	AV	Acolyte	LEM	2 nd Read	Prayers
5/5	*	Barbara/Dan	Chuck	Donald/John	Ted	Jenny	John
5/12	*	Marty/Tom M	Paul	Charlotte/Grady	Marsha	Robin	Dorrie
5/19	*	Jean/Patrick	Ted	Gary/Ian	Linda	Michelle	Robin
5/26	*	Kathy/John d	Patrick	Donald/John	Chuck	Barbara	Tom M

**Anne, Dee, & Rita will alternate as Greeters.*