

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 01, 2025 11:30 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

HYMN #214

Hail the day that sees him rise

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria in excelsis

BCP 355
BCP 356

The Collect of the Day:

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 First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or

observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalms 97

1 You reign. O God;

let the earth rejoice; *

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about you, *

righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.

- 3 A fire goes before you *
and burns up your enemies on every side.
- 4 Your lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at your presence, O God *
at your presence, O God of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare your righteousness, *
and all the peoples see your glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Let all gods bow down before you.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O GOD.
- 9 For you are God,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 You love those who hate evil; *
you preserves the lives of your saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in God, you righteous, *
and give thanks to God's holy Name.

The Epistle Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Hymn #542

Christ is the world's true light

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ according to John

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

The Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Form I

BCP 383

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

Hymn #307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP B)

BCP 367

Sanctus

BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction

BCP 365

Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter* 2004

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Daniel Wertz, Jr., Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt, Delbert Hess, and Randy Maurer.

Flower & Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased Tickets for the ECW Plant Sale.

Readers and Greeters — May-June 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

June 1 st	Joann Lacko & Colleen Curry
June 8 th	Tina Grata & Colleen Curry
June 15 th	Richard Burkert & Lisa Bell-Loncella
June 22 nd	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
June 29 th	Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

June 1 st	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
June 8 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
June 15 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
June 22 nd	Sam & Heidi Buchan
June 29 th	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

Sunday: The Seventh Sunday After Easter

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday (Please wear Red)

June 1st 11:30 am Holy Eucharist II

The Seventh Sunday After Easter

May 25, 2025

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Clergy licensed in Pittsburgh, including the Rev. Bruce Bevans,
the Rev. Miguel Carmona, and the Rev. Charles Weiss

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In loving Honor & Memory of
The Deceased Military
of St. Mark's

In Loving Memory
of

the Harrison family
Perpetual Flowers
(From 3./9/2024

Next Week's Readings

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:25-35,37

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-32)

***Sharing Christ's Love Unconditionally through
Transformational worship and service***

