

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



May 12, 2024

9:30 am

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are our guest today, or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless
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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal 450

Opening Hymn

Welcome

Peace

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen**

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant and People

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People : **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

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 Liturgy of the Word

The First 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 1

- 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.

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn

O Love how Deep

Hymnal 448 (v1&3)

The Gospel: John 17:6-19

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Terri S

The Nicene Creed *[Please stand]*

Celebrant: Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of 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

[Please kneel or be seated]

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; Tom, our priest; Terri, our postulant for the diaconate, Ted our aspirant for the diaconate ;in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for ____; in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, ____, and in the DR _____. In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for ____, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our President, Joe Biden; our governor, Pete Ricketts; and for all elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live and around the world. I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor and the destitute, for the sick, the hungry and those who struggle to survive; and for those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____], and those we name silently or out loud. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

In our own congregation, I ask your prayers that God stays with and strengthens all those who are ill; especially _____are there others?

I ask your prayers to lift up those with special concerns; especially the _____ are there others?

I ask your prayers and remembrances today for those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those who are in harm's way _____ are there others? Be with them and their families Lord, to give them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace.

Watch over those in our community who travel; especially; _____ are there others? Keep them safe as only you can.

We ask that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially; _____; are there others? and those who are celebrating anniversaries, especially; _____ are there others?

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 hearts; 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 Celebrant continues:

For 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**

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

**Offertory Hymn
Doxology**

God of Our Mothers

**Insert
Hymnal 380 v3**

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader All
The Lord be with you, And al -

Leader
so with you. Lift up your

All
hearts. We lift them up to the Lord,

Leader All
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give our thanks and praise.

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.

A - - - men. A - - - men.
 A - - - - - men. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

And now as our Lord Jesus Christ taught we are bold to say

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory,
 Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn



Facing the people, the Celebrant offers the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

My God, Thy Table now is Spread

Hymnal 321

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

**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

The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Going Forth Hymn

We are All One in Mission

WL&P 778

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. .

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Birthdays:

JR P
Emily W
Janice A

Anniversaries:

Corey & Michele H



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Karen Gray in memory of her husband Gary

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by William French in Thanksgiving for my wife Kathleen.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		May 12	May 19
VPOD		Patrick H	Barb S
Hospitality		Team 1	Team 2
Altar Guild		Team 2	Team 3
Spirit Hub		Kathy B	Vestry
Altar Bread		Kitty K	Kitty K
LEM's	5:00 pm	Kristi S	Charlotte A
	8:00 am	Terri S	Doug A
	9:30 am	Jan S Vince C	Lori E Anika S
Recycle		Marcia A	Marcia A
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Evelynn C Vincent C Mya H	Isaiah CH Olivia H / Kyper M MacKenzie C / Ailynn M

This Week's Highlights

Bishop's Visit: Bishop Barker will be worshipping with us at our 8 & 9:30am services on Pentecost (next Sun, 19 May). Please help us welcome him and plan to wear something red in celebrating the feast of Pentecost (and for our annual parish photo).

Parish Clean-up: On Sat (18 May) between 9am-1pm, we will hold our spring clean-up to prepare for the bishop's visit and the many guests we anticipate with the baptisms and confirmations we will be celebrating. Come for one hour or all four to help us spruce up the place a little.

Zoo Scavenger Hunt: Our journey youth invite everyone to join them for a fun morning at the zoo on Sat (8 Jun) beginning at 9:15am. At 9:30, we will begin a scavenger hunt and afterwards enjoy some ice cream. If you are interested, please stop by the Spirit Hub and sign up. The cost for those who preregister will be \$15 (12 and older) and \$10 (for those 3-11). There is no cost for those who hold a zoo pass.

VBS 2024: Cindy is beginning to plan for this year's offering (24-27 Jun). She could use some help in the organizing and completing of some up front tasks. If you are able to help, please contact Cindy or stop by the Spirit Hub beginning next week and sign up on the help wanted list. Registration is now open on our website. Just click on the VBS 2024 Button.

Wed Compline: Compline will continue this summer on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm. Instead of our Journeys team leading, Compline will be offered by a rotation of volunteers. We hope you will continue to join us.

Youth Emergency Services (YES): This month we are taking donations for the Sarpy County YES Street Outreach program. This program provides water bottles throughout the summer to youth in need, seeking to meet their basic needs and provide emergency supplies. Please not YES in the memo line of your check.

2025 Celtic Pilgrimage: Interested in learning more about the 2025 Celtic Pilgrimage? If so, stop by the Spirit Hub and let us know, or speak with Fr Tom.