

St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. For those in person today, masks are recommended, but not required. Please respect one another's requests for physical distance. Hand sanitizer and soap are provided in our restrooms to assist with hand hygiene. All these actions of love and service help protect us all, including the most vulnerable to serious illness, from contracting the Covid-19 coronavirus. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

Voluntary

Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Michel Corrette (1707-1795)

The bell rings; the people stand as they are able.

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn 215

In Babilone

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Canticle

A Song to the Lamb

plainsong



1. Splen - dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,



2. For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and

have their be - ing; 3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
 for with your blood you have re - deemed for God, 4. From every family,
 language, people, and na - tion, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
 5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
 6. Be worship and praise, dominion and splen - dor, for ever and for ev - er - more. [Ant.]

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

One day, 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.

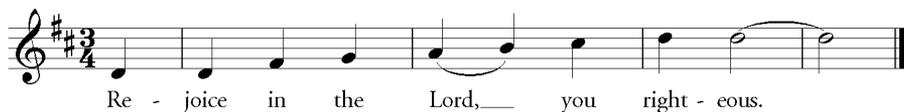
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97 **Rejoice in the Lord Your Righteous** Thomas Pavlechko

The Choir intones, all repeat.

The congregation chants the even-numbered stanzas, indicated in bold.



tone: DUKE STREET



- 1 The LORD is King; ...let the [earth] rejoice; *
let the multitude of the [isles] be glad.
- 2 **Clouds and darkness are [round] about him, ***
righteousness and justice are the foundations [of] his throne.
- 3 A [fire goes] before him *
and burns up his enemies on [ev]-ery side.
- 4 **His lightnings [light up] the world; ***
the earth sees it and [is] afraid.

Antiphon

- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence [of] the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the [whole] earth.
- 6 **The heavens de-[clare] his righteousness, ***
and all the peoples [see] his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and de-[light in] false gods! *
Bow down before him [all] you gods.
- 8 **Zion hears and is glad, ... and the cities of [Judah] rejoice, ***
because of your [judgments] O LORD.

Antiphon

"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." It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation If You Believe and I Believe arr. John Bell



If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth-er pray,



The Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free,



And set God's peo-ple free, and set God's peo-ple free;



The Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

"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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Stacy Walker

The people stand as they are able.

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

During the silences we may offer our private concerns and prayers to God.

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus prayed for us that we might be one. Let us pray as one for the needs of the world, for the church, and for all with whom Jesus desires our unity, saying, Holy God, hear our prayer.

Reader: God, our lifeblood and our light, you show us your new creation every day. You feed and clothe us and give us joy in your good earth. We praise you – our home and our true blessing. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For unity among all peoples – the body of Christ, rent by conflict, that we may be one; for people of all faiths to honor one another; and for the end to religious wars. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For peace among nations, between tribes, on school yards, in academic halls, within legislative bodies, and around kitchen tables in every home. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the church's mission to proclaim the good news, that the world might know you; may the new life possible in faith break open all people to love one another. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the well-being of the earth and its creatures; for the oceans and rivers, heavens and depths, soil and dust; for plants and fish and birds and mammals, who together with ourselves are fed and blessed each day by the air, food, and water you provide. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all people who cry out to you in this hardened time; for people who do not have work, those who have no safety net; those without dining tables or beds; those who do not have enough food. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died, that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy, especially for _____, where mourning and pain will be no more. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger, that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing and the comforting presence of your voice. We pray especially for _____. Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those concerns we name now silently or aloud... Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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:

Ian Higginson

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 6 might, heav'n and earth are full of you glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 10 1. high - est. 2. high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 15 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -
 19 est.

©St. James Music Press 2007

The people kneel, or stand, as they are able.

Celebrant: 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.

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.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant: 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.

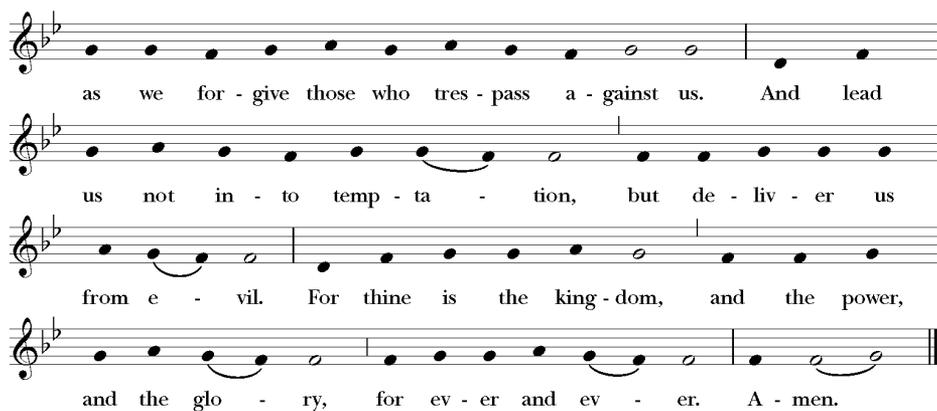
Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and 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.

All: Amen.

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,



as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

plainsong, mode 8

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant. Individual healing prayer is available for those who wish to participate. Please wear a mask and write your request using the paper and pencil provided in the pews. Ushers will direct participants.

Communion Anthem Be Still

Karen Marroli (b. 1976)

Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart.
Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart.
Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll,
Though the storms conspire to destroy.

Be still and know that I am God; the earth shall rise again in joy.
Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind.
Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind.

Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries,
Though the night seems endless and dire,
Be still and know that I am God; the morning shall rise in holy fire.

Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempest s roll,
Though the storms conspire to destroy.

Be still and know that I am God; the earth shall rise again in joy.

Communion Hymn In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful *Taizé music*

The people stand as they are able.

OSTINATO
Dm C F F/A B \flat C Dm C F F/A

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

C B \flat A 3 Dm C

- joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

F B \flat 6 C Am Dm B \flat C F

voi - ces, the Lord is near; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and ever-living 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.

Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Sending Forth Hymn 473

Crucifer

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary *Sortie on Crucifer*

Robert Lind (b. 1940)

Upcoming Events 2022:

- ❖ Sunday, May 29, 2022 - 11:00 a.m. Youth Car Wash
- ❖ Sunday, May 29, 2022 - 4:30 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner
- ❖ Sunday, June 5, 2022 Pentecost Picnic following our 9:30 a.m. service.
- ❖ Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 5:30 p.m. Pride Month Event, Baker Community Center

See *The Pulse* for more details on these events.

Not receiving *The Pulse* emailings?

Please contact our office to be added to our weekly email list:

parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org or 630-584-2596

Household Prayer: Morning

Good and gracious God,
we rise with the morning light
to give you thanks for rest and dreams,
for warmth and safety,
for the delight we have again today
in a life filled with your goodness.
Keep us in your care this day
that we may walk in your path,
glad for our friends, praying for our enemies,
and eager to hear your Word;
in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God,
for all that we have done
and failed to do this day
we turn to you for respite.
Forgive us for having shunned your desires;
rejoice with us over moments
that have filled us with joy.
Bless your people in every land with peace.
Protect us now through the night
that we may wake again
to praise your name.
Let the Holy Spirit abide in this house.
Amen.

RULE OF LIFE at St. Charles Episcopal Church

Our Rule of Life is how we live the Gospel daily.

- ❖ Christ is the cornerstone of the church, and prayer is the foundation of our life together.
- ❖ We come together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ❖ We listen to one another with the compassionate heart of Christ and ask questions for clarification.
- ❖ We respect one another's stories by listening and keeping their confidence.
- ❖ We strive to practice forgiveness as we have been forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ We behave knowing God is in our midst.
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- ❖ We respect the dignity of every human being.
- ❖ We actively build worship, education, service and giving.

Copyright Acknowledgement: All music reprinted with permission under GIA OneLicense.net #A-724299. Household Morning & Evening Prayer, and Prayers of the People: Feasting on the Word; Cover art: Churchart.com

The Rev. Stacy Walker, Rector

RevStacy@stcharlesepiscopal.org

The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe

deaconsteve@stcharlesepiscopal.org

Diana Brown, Sr. Warden

dianabrown47@gmail.com

Mark Downey, Director of Music

MusicMark@stcharlesepiscopal.org

Shellie Morgan, Parish Administrator

ParishAdmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org

994 N. Fifth Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174-1227 (630) 584-2596

www.stcharlesepiscopal.org

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Philipians 4:4