

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 494

The Dismissal – people’s response: *“Thanks be to God!”*

Please stay after the service for coffee hour!

Welcome to Saint John’s!

Readings for the coming Sunday, May 28, 2023

Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39; Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Coming up this week...

Today: Fuel Sunday

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist – 5 p.m.

Thursday: Bible Study – 7 p.m.

Weekdays: Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. at St. John’s or view on Facebook at [facebook.com/StJohnsDelhi](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsDelhi)

Next Sunday: Mission Sunday

Birthdays:

Florence Grill – May 24



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Saint John’s Episcopal Church, Delhi, NY

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Processional: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Hymnal 450 vv. 1-3, 6

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Gloria Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day Bulletin p. 2

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel Hymn: “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” Hymnal 495

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People Bulletin p. 5

Confession BCP p. 360

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Announcements

Offertory Hymn: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” Hymnal 460

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 367

Sanctus Hymnal S130

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364

Agnus Dei Hymnal S164

Communion Hymn: “Let Their Blood in Mercy Poured” Hymnal 313

Prayer for Spiritual Communion Bulletin p. 7

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The Blessing

Recessional: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymnal 494

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Opening Hymn	Hymnal 450 vv. 1-3, 6
Opening Prayers	BCP (red book) p. 355
Please sing the <i>Gloria</i>	Hymnal S280

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated for the reading of God's word.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,

bear witness to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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"Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen."

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 367
Please sing the <i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
Please sing the <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S164

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. If you prefer not to receive, please stand or kneel with your arms crossed and you will receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn	Hymnal 313
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Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 365
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For peace and a de-escalation of tension between world powers, that God will guide the work of those who seek a peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all who are waiting: the birth of a child, the renewal of health, or the return of a job or loved one, that they may experience God with them in this time and draw strength from the prayers and concerns of others. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For an end to gun violence in our towns and cities, that the Spirit will awaken a new sense of the dignity of human life and open alternatives to violent confrontations. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially..... that they may cast all their care on Christ who cares for them. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially..... that they share in the eternal glory of Christ forever. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.**

Let us pray the Diocesan transition prayer together:

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for this, your diocese of Albany. Inspire and sustain us in this time of transition. Incline our hearts to do your will, and so direct us in your ways that the leader you are raising up to be our Bishop will find here joyful disciples making disciples, united in faith, unflagging in hope, and steeped in mutual charity.

In your mercy, accept our repentance, and grant us peace; look with patience on our enthusiasms; and pour rich gifts and grace upon all who are entrusted with the ongoing work of your church; so that, with diligence and charity, we may discern correctly and walk righteously in your ways. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Faithful God, because of your Son's great love for us, we stand redeemed as your holy people; hear our prayers and help us to embrace the name of Jesus that we may glorify you in the world and

Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Let us pray together Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

**35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.**

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 495

The Gospel

please remain standing

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Knowing and believing the love God has for us, let us offer prayers in the name of Jesus, saying: Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Michael our Assisting Bishop, Art and Nancy our priests, and all clergy, that we may give testimony to Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to those in need. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that the good news of the Risen and Ascended Christ may bring forth a new flowering of peace and hope in our lives. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**