

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FL

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 24, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE
We praise God for the Resurrection of His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ!

Opening Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians

♩ = 56 VERSE

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em Am

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will work with each
 4. All _ praise to the Fa - ther, from _ whom all things come; And all praise to Christ

6 D⁷/A Em D/E Em Am D⁷/A Em D/E

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save _ each man's
 Je - sus, His _ on - ly _ Son. And all praise to the Spir - it, who _ makes _ us _

12 Em C Em

-stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our
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16 Am Em Am D⁷/A Em

love, yes they'll know _ we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

Easter Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 355

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

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.

Gloria in excelsis (*in unison*)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about how He has saved all humankind from the power of death by raising His Son to life again. We respond by affirming our faith, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:6-14

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, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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!

A Reading from 1 Peter

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

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.**

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Speak, Lord, I'm Listening

lyrics on screen

The Holy Gospel

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

John 17:1-11

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Dr. Steve Clifton

The Nicene Creed (*in unison*)

**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.**

The Prayers of the People (*sung*)

lyrics on screen

*In the silence which follows each petition, you are welcome to add your own intercessions:
in the silence of your heart, aloud in your home,
or (if watching the live stream) by typing them in the chat window.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People

**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 heart; 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.**

Officiant 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.**

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

The Officiant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.

All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.

Gifts may be made on the parish website, sjhoptpa.org, or by mail to:

St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church

2708 N. Central Ave., Tampa FL 33602

Offertory Anthem

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Richards/Mullan

Sophia Cherry, *soloist*, Julius James, *piano*

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

lyrics on screen

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world to be bold witnesses

telling of Christ's resurrection and the reconciliation of the world to God in love.

The Easter Blessing (*pronounced by the Priest*)

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the flock, through the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Shout to the Lord”

Worshipfully
Guitar (Capo III): G
Keyboard: Bb

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior; Lord, there is none like You. All of my days -
I want to praise the won - ders of Your might - y love,
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength; let ev - 'ry breath,
all that I am, nev - er cease to wor - ship You.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing - pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.
Moun - tains bow down, and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand. For - ev - er I'll love You, for - ev - er I'll stand.
Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in You.

The Easter Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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