

Christ Church Trumbull  
*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
May 16, 2021

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn – “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”**

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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.

*All*           **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All*           **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.

*All*            **Amen.**

**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 and twenty people) 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 throughout 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*    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1** (*said responsively by whole verse*)

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

Or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

But their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,

Which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
in all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Taize, Ubi Caritas*

**The Gospel ..... John 17:6-19**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

'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.  
*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**..... Bishop Ian Douglas

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Celebrant*    Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your  
                    commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People*        **I do.**

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*        **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and  
                    earth.**

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*        **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
                    He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
                    and born of the Virgin Mary.  
                    He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
                    was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Prayer Leader*     Let us pray.

Father, fill us and believers throughout our diocese and world with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we all may continue to draw people to you.

Father, we ask that you would fill all those in authority with the wisdom that you gave to Solomon. Guide and direct our leaders to serve with love.

Jesus, you said, “my peace I give you.” We ask that you would fill the world with that peace which surpasses all understanding.

Father, you are the God of compassion. We ask that you would be present with all those who suffer from financial, mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

We especially pray today that you would heal and comfort Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Steve, Maggie, David, Joanne, Tom, Stephen, Theresa, Sebastian, and Leslie.

Merciful Father, we lift up all those who have died. We remember those faithful leaders who have gone before us to build up the faith of this community, and we give thanks for those people who have been a part of our lives and whom we see no longer. We pray especially for the families of Aracy, Austin, Harry, Margaret, and Jane.

*Celebrant*     I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

*Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.*

*Celebrant*     Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do  
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*             **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All*           **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All*           **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*           **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>           Anti-Racism Service and Celebration of our Graduates**  
At our service we will spend time honoring the legacy of George Floyd, who was killed one year ago on May 25th. We will also spend time praying for and blessing our graduates, many of who have helped form our Anti-Racism Alliance. After our service, we



will have an outdoor Coffee Hour to hear more about the work of the alliance and celebrate our graduates.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wandering Church at 11:30am-1pm**

Join us in front of the Church steps for a walk around the neighborhood and informal outdoor Eucharist.

**July 4th**

**Music Update**

Matthew will return to play music and sing in person on July 4th. As we prepare for Matthew's return, please send in your favorite hymns and songs. Please note that parishioners will not be permitted to sing.

Sundays 10:30am

**PJ Church**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933053985?pwd=SmhFMTdueXVBbUNKMWpZM3Z3MlJaUT09>

1st/3rd Mondays

**Meditation Group at 12pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413310842?pwd=cmc0en-ROMEV1NmlDellXdCtzN3NLUT09>

Wednesdays 12:30pm

**Prayer Group**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413310842?pwd=cmc0en-ROMEV1NmlDellXdCtzN3NLUT09>

*Celebrant*

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

*Music Section* – “So Will I” ..... Hillsong Worship

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***All* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

***All* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***All* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***All* By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***All* Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***All* By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All        Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
              heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All        We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
              as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All        Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**All        Amen.**

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

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All        Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

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

**Communion Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision”**

*As you listen to the music selections, we invite you to pray silently the prayer of spiritual communion if you are virtually joining us or the post-communion prayer if you are in person and have received communion.*

**Prayer of Spiritual Reception** *(silently)*

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

**Post-communion Prayer** *(silently)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We encourage you in this time to reflect on what has stood out for you in our worship together. What is God inviting you to in the week ahead?*

**Blessing**

*Celebrant* May God bless you and keep you. May God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you now and always.

**Closing Hymn** - "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!"

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading:  
there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*All*              **Thanks be to God.**