

7th Sunday of Easter -  
Ascension Sunday

*Happy*  
**MOTHER'S**  
*Day*

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you  
to join our family!*

May 12, 2024

## We Gather

**Processional Hymn: #450** *All hail the power of Jesus' name* *Please stand and sing as you are able.*

### 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. **Amen.**

### Gloria in Excelsis: #S-278

*Please remain standing and sing as you are able.*

### 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. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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



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*All:*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the <sup>l</sup>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 <sup>l</sup>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 <sup>l</sup>wither; \* | everything they do shall | prosper. ||
- 4 It is not so with the <sup>l</sup>wicked; \* | they are like chaff which the wind blows | away. ||
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment <sup>l</sup>comes \* | nor the sinner in the council of the | righteous. ||
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the <sup>l</sup>righteous, \* | but the way of the wicked is | doomed. ||

## Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter of John.

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: #484**

***Praise the Lord through every nation***  
*(verse 1 before, verse 2 after Gospel)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19**

*Please remain standing.*

*Deacon:* 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."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Chris Cole

*Silence for reflection after the sermon.*

**We Pray**

**Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially...

*People:* **St. Philip's, Ardmore; Ardmore Village, Ardmore; Diocese of West Tennessee; Diocese of Western North Carolina; The Church of Nigeria.**

*Reader:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, especially...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Katherine & Audrey, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.**

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially our leaders...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor.**

*Reader:* That we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...

*People:* **Jean, Rhonda, Ken, Nancy, Mary Beth, and Mike.**

*Reader:* And grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...

*People:* **Johnson family, Ronnie, Mike, John, Rose, Karen, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, Nancy, Thomas, Catheryne, Jennifer, Patricia, Paula, Marlene, Alissa, Cathey, Frank, Charlie, Junior, Wesley, Ronna, Rob, Jeanne, Geneva, Glen, Jackie, Ched, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**



*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

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

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

*Celebrant:* 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:

### **Sanctus: #S-125**

*Celebrant:* † 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.

*Celebrant:* 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."<sup>†††</sup> 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."<sup>†††</sup> Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

*Celebrant & People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

*Celebrant:* 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. **AMEN.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

*Celebrant & People:* **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.**

## Fraction Anthem: #S-154

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

*Celebrant:* 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: #327

*Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord*

### We Go Out To Do Our Work

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People:*

**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.**

## Easter 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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

## Recessional Hymn: LEVAS #96

*He is King of Kings*

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "He is King of Kings". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The lyrics "He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords;" are written below the notes. The second system continues the melody with a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. The lyrics "Je - sus Christ, the first and last... no man works like Him. He is" are written below. The score includes various musical notations such as stems, beams, and rests.



2.3.4. **Fine**

no man works like Him. 1. He built his throne up in the air—  
2. I was but young when I be - gun—

no man works like Him; 1. And called the saints from  
2. But now my race is

1. ev - 'er where— no man works like Him. He is  
2. al - most won—

*D.S.*

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## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* "Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ON SUNDAY, MAY 19TH,

**WEAR RED FOR  
PENTECOST**

We are celebrating Pentecost next week. Everyone is encouraged (but not required) to wear red - the liturgical color of the feast day.



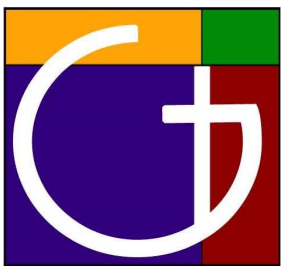
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VESTRY PERSON  
OF THE MONTH:**

**Van  
Odom**

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK:**

**Celebrant.....The Rev. Chris Cole**  
**1st Reader/Chalice.....Katherine Coburn**  
**2nd Reader/Chalice.....Jean Lewis**  
**Head Usher/Greeter..... David Wilcox**  
**Altar Guild..... Pat Wilcox**  
**Media..... Nancy Scott**  
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**Torch/Plates.....Skye Jardin**  
**Torch..... Nora Pevehouse**  
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