

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming Episcopal parish nestled in the heart of downtown Raleigh that seeks to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

MASK UPDATE

Masks are now optional during both sung and spoken portions of the service for those who have been fully vaccinated and boosted.

WEEKLY SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

We invite you to join us at either of our worship times.

Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:15am

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Baptism—May 29, 2022 at 10:15 am

Voluntary: Eucharistia

G. Winston Cassler

Processional Hymn, 215: See the Conqueror mounts in triumph *In Babilone*

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 299

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Gloria, S-280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Invitation to Children's Chapel

Children Ages 4 to 5th Grade may depart at this time and will return for the Eucharist. We ask children to wear masks for this joint gathering with Raleigh Mennonite Church.

First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you /peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of /joy.
- ² For the LORD Most High is to be /feared; *
he is the great King over all the /earth.
- ³ He subdues the peoples /under us, *
and the nations under our /feet.
- ⁴ He chooses our inheritance /for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he /loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a /shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the /ram's-horn.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing /praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing /praises.
- ⁷ For God is King of all the /earth; *
sing praises with all your /skill.
- ⁸ God reigns over the /nations; *
God sits upon his holy /throne.
- ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered to/gether *
with the people of the God of /Abraham.
- ¹⁰ The rulers of the earth belong to /God, *
and he is highly ex/alted.



Lector A reading from letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, 214: Hail the day that sees him rise (vs.1-2)

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The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn, 214: Hail the day that see him rise (vs.3-4)

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The Sermon

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
(God)Parents I present James to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
(God)Parents I will, with God's help.
Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
(God)Parents I will, with God's help.
Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
(God)Parents I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
(God)Parents I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
(God)Parents I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
(God)Parents I do.
Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
(God)Parents I do.
Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
(God)Parents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support James in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**
Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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 the 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.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for James who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

The baptismal candidate receives the Light of Christ.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon James your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Last Sunday's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar last Sunday were given to the glory of God by Marsha and Tony Sample in loving memory of John and Martha McLaughlin and by Bit Hardy in loving memory of her husband Dicky Hardy, Annie Ruffin Webb, and Betsy Caviness Levings. This dedication was omitted last Sunday; we regret the error.

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Diana Allen in thanksgiving for Sophie and Bennett Allen.

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Open your phone's camera, point the camera at the square, and tap the screen.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: King of Glory, King of Peace

Setting: Gerald Near
Words: George Herbert

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
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-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 371

Celebrant ...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant ...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 ...your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
People **AMEN.**

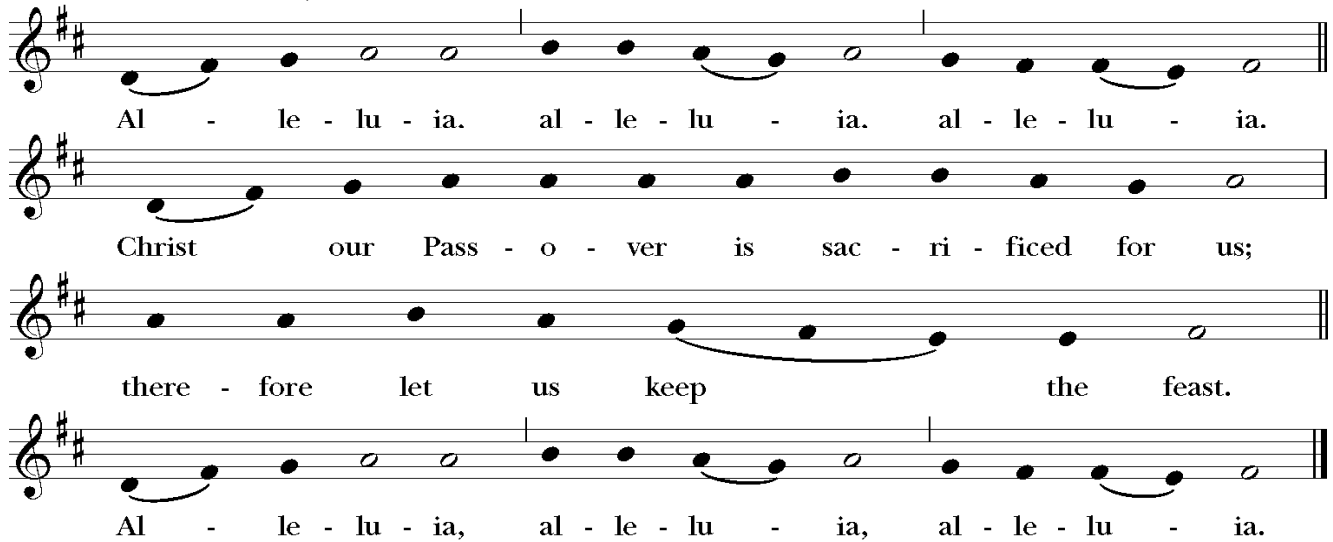
The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S-154, Christ our Passover



Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup?

Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail.

Where can I go to receive only the bread? Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.

Where can I go to receive a blessing? Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.

Communion Hymn, 307: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor

Bryn Calfaría

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen**

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Almighty and everliving 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.

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.
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.**

Closing Hymn, 494: Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Voluntary: Deposuit Potentes

Jean Titelouze

Serving Today

Lectors
 Acolytes
 Verger
 Guest Organist
 Conductor for Offertory Anthem

Phyllis Vail
 Camden Ross & Grant Carpenter
 Caryl Fuller
 Emily Burgess
 Jennifer Seiger