



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday  
May 21, 2023  
Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Prayer D**

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# The Word of God

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" by J. Barr

**Entrance Hymn- Hymnal 494- *Crown him with many crowns***

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

*The following is sung, all standing*

### **Choir and Congregation**

***This is the Day***

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord hath made, That the Lord hath made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it

And be glad in it

This is the day that the Lord hath made

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made

## **THE 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.*

## **FIRST READING**

Charles Mizell

### **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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

### **Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36- Alternating by whole verse, beginning with Celebrant.**

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:**

Jane Graham

**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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN- LEVAS 161 – *Go preach the Gospel.***

**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*        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.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK**

### **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

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**

*Susan Schubert*

*All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Richard Durepo and Ann Alston.

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Rob, our Bishop and for all bishops and other ministers; We pray for our sister parish in Cape Coast Ghana, The Anglican Church of St. Mary The Virgin and their people and priests, Father Francis and Father Enoch.

*For all who serve God in God's Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

*Please add your own petitions at this time, either out loud or silently.*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

*Please add your thanksgivings, out loud or silently*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

*Please add your own petitions, either out loud or silently.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

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*We end the peace by singing:*

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.  
*Psalm 50:14*

*The Congregation may remain seated during the offertory*

**OFFERTORY HYMN- All hail the power of Jesus’ name- *Hymnal 450 VS. 1-3 & 6***  
*The congregation stands*

*The congregation stands*

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all— bless - ings flow,

Praise Him all crea - tures, here be - low.

Praise Him a - bove ye— heav - en - ly host.

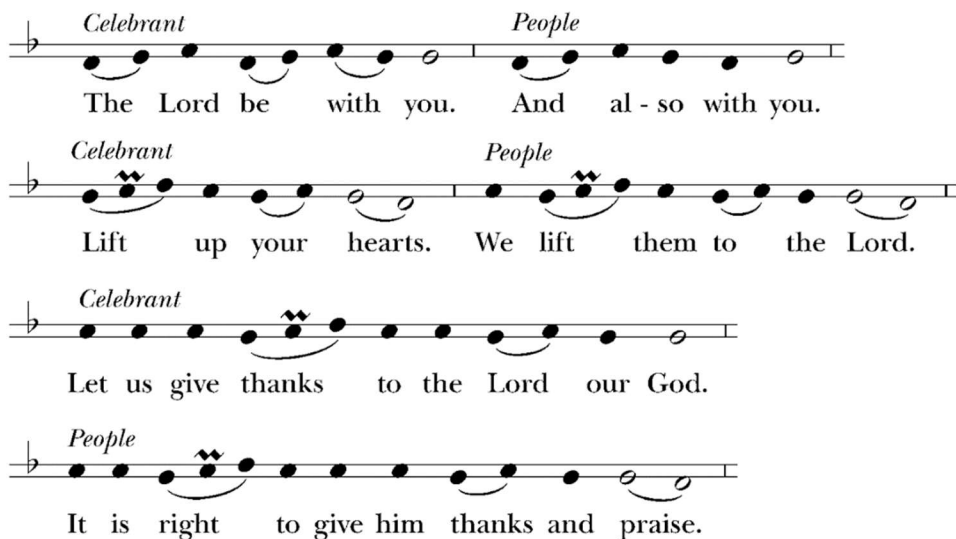
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*



*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

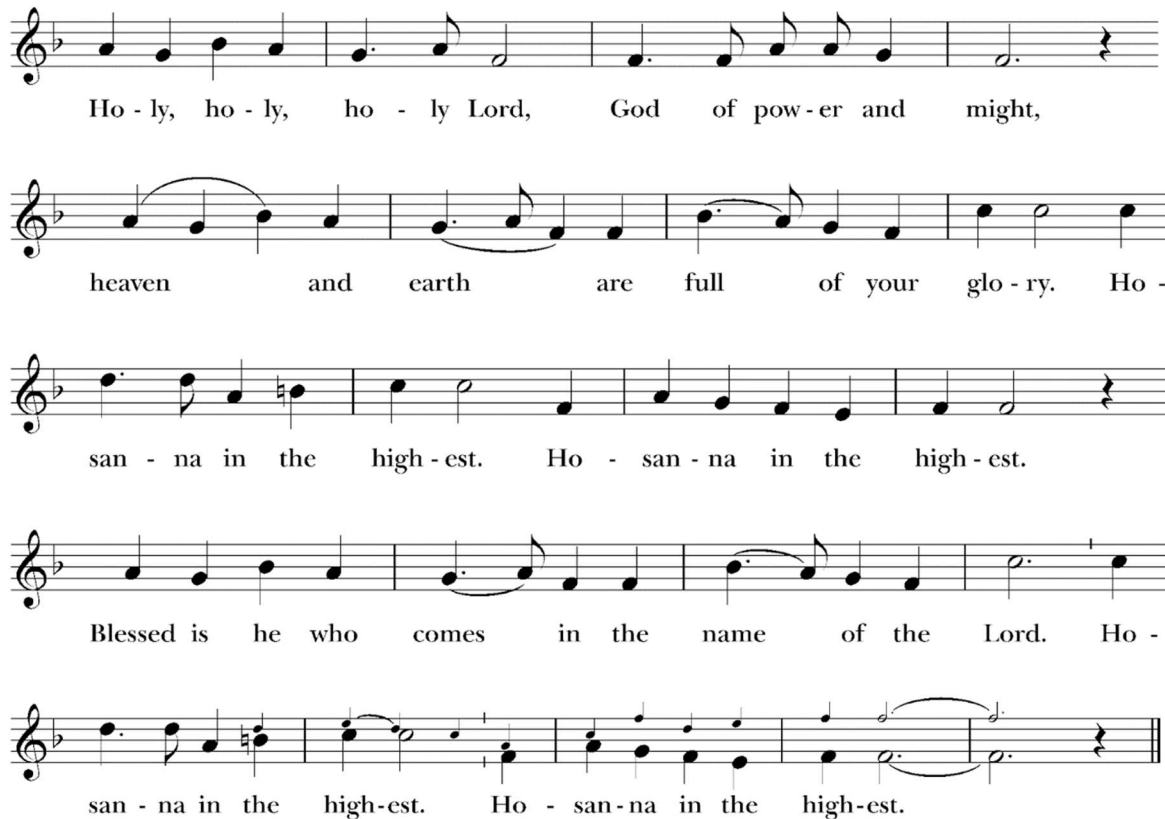
## PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

## SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People*



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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, your own own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed John, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*AMEN*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)***

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

*People and Celebrant*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

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. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

### DISTRIBUTION

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds available by either priest intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire common cup, you can communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire priest*

*intinction, you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.*

**COMMUNION HYMN-- *The head that once was crowned with thorns-*  
HYMNAL 483**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN – *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus – Hymnal 460 vs. 1,2,3 & 5***

**DISMISSAL**

*Priest*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**POSTLUDE:** March by Rev. L.J.T. Darwall

**PARISH NOTES**

**Join us for Coffee Hour in the Hospitality Suite-** After the service, just go through the double doors to the left toward the front of the sanctuary. Coffee hour is a time of fellowship and conversation and an opportunity for the community to connect.

**Parents interested in being a part of our redeveloping Children ministries** are invited to conversation with Carol Nabeel by emailing her at trustnhope2016@gmail.com or connecting with her at Coffee Hour or before Church.

We are working toward having Children's Formation starting this Fall and would enjoy your input and help. In the meantime, please bring your kids to church and take advantage of the resources in the narthex (lobby) that will help your children participate in worship.

**Carol will be available to talk about Sunday School from 11:30 – 12:30** Stay tuned for more developments in this area soon!

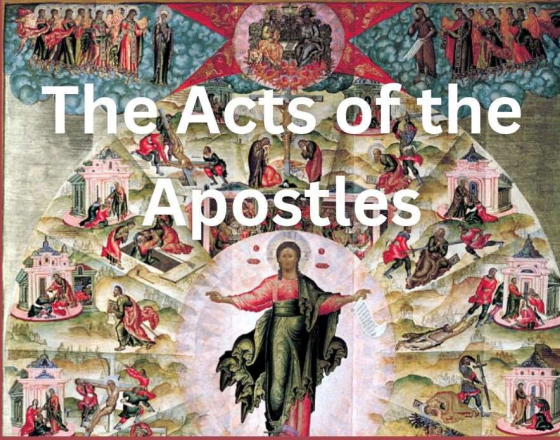
**At 10:00 AM: Join us via Zoom May 14, 2023** You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) 1-929-205-6099 and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

### **Wednesday Night Supper - 6:00 PM**

Come enjoy a "humpday" dinner with your church family. Dinners are on a donation basis- \$5.00 or "pay what you can." All are welcome, regardless of ability to donate. If you are coming, please RSVP to [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org)

### **Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:00 PM**



**The Acts of the Apostles**

**Wednesdays from 7:8:00**

We will be reading the entire book of Acts. Links to the reading and study guide below. Join us online, in person in the Hospitality Suite, or just read along with us on your own. Come to supper beforehand (\$5.00 donation, in Bott Hall) See you there.

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**Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM-** One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

**Compline Night Prayer Thursday - 7:00 pm**

Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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**Sunday May 21, 2023**

Readers: Charles Mizell and Jane Graham

Prayers of the People: Susan Schubert

Vergers: Michael Proscia

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black

Church Administrator: Terry Glover

**Vestry Members**

Daniel Hudson, Hospitality

Archie Polk, Evangelism

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Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

Val Valverde, Worship & Music

Sherran Davis, Clerk

Richard Pflieger, Treasurer

**SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE PARK  
MAY 28, 2023, 10:00-2:00**

# **COMMUNITY PICNIC AND BARBECUE**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY- "MASS ON THE GRASS"- 10:00**

**PICNIC- 11:00**

**COME JOIN US FOR MUSIC AND FOOD  
(GRILLED BURGERS AND DOGS WITH VEGETARIAN OPTIONS)  
FUN FOR ALL AGES**



**MAY 28, 2023- 10:00-2:00**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS+ ALL ARE WELCOME  
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To help with the food and fun, contact Hospitality Chair Daniel Hudson [awiunole@gmail.com](mailto:awiunole@gmail.com)