

THE SERMON The Rev. Fr. Copeland D. Johnston

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OFFERTORY

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POSTLUDE

**This week in your prayers, please remember:**

**Healing & Guidance:** Ivan McRoy, Jim & Muffy Bowman, Rosemary Turnage, Lou Batton (Mark Batton's mother, Sylvia Sutter's sister), Alethia Anderson, Evelyn Britt (John's mom), Donald Michaud, Bob Cruse, Bishop Carl Wright, Bishop David O'Connell, Tracie Bowen, Olivia Hill, Jayne Spangler, Jason Alford, Alan Daughtry, Pamela & Lehman Woods, Jane Baker, Katherine Mitchell, Sallie Sawyer, Roy Williams, Sara Jo Manning, The Wester family, David Smith (Tim Smith's brother), Joe Buziak, The Thobe family

**Remember the Caregivers:** Johnie

**Military:** Bradley Craig Ward, Chris Raducha, Adam Raducha, Hayden Tankard, Nathaniel Bowen, Frank Yenny (Jack & Kathryn Brake's grandson), McCauley Griffin (Annie Griffin's grandson), Sloan Smith (Robert Tankard's niece), Walker Brown (Pat & Sue Brown's grandson), Lonnie Carraway (Stephanie & Ken Reynold's son-in-law)

**Birthdays:** Maryanne Adam (12<sup>th</sup>), Fritz Morrison (14<sup>th</sup>), Chris Smith, Larry McAvoy (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Serving Today:**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Fr. Copeland D. Johnston

**Organist:** Sylvia Sutter

**Acolytes:** Zach Wright (8), Jimmy Latham (10)

**Eucharistic Minister:** Susan Tankard (8)

Susan Simpson (10)

**Lector:** Lisa Conner (8) Susan Stewart (10)

**Ushers:** Jan & Mickey Cochran

**Altar Guild:** Maryanne Adam

**Flower Guild:** Allison Smith, Linda Baldree

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Axness, LaRue Chuman, Judy Kiricoples,

Kay Leager, Susan Simpson & Allison Smith

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. THOMAS IN YOUR WILL**

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## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

214 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

#### The Collect for Purity

355

#### S278 Gloria

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

#### The Collect For The Day

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.*

#### The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

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."

#### Psalm 93

1 The Lord is King;

he has put on splendid apparel; \*

the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure \*

that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been

established; \*

you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,

the waters have lifted up their voice; \*

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*

mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*

and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,

for ever and for evermore.

#### The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

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.

495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

#### The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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.