

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 a.m., Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
**The Episcopal Church of the Advent**  
**Kennett Square, Pennsylvania**



**Welcome to the Church of the Advent!** If you are a guest with us this morning, please know we are honored by your presence! We invite you to complete a guest card, which will allow us to remain in contact with you and provide you with additional information. You may place your completed card in the offering plate, or you may give it to our priest as you are leaving. On our website ([www.adventks.org](http://www.adventks.org)), you will find an up-to-date calendar of all church ministries and activities, and you may sign up to receive our weekly email. If you are interested in learning more about the Church of the Advent, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith, please contact our priest (Tim Johnson) at (610) 444-4624 or [rector@adventks.org](mailto:rector@adventks.org). **Again, welcome!**

**Elementary Sunday School** begins at 9:45 am, in the Children's Chapel.

**Jr/Sr High Sunday School** has ended for this program year. We look forward to resuming in the fall.

**Adult Formation** – Our Renewal Works Team will present our parish strategic plan at 9:45 this morning in the parish hall.

There will be no adult formation on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:45, our parish chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King will lead a workshop on prayer in daily life.

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in C* Shostakovich

**OPENING HYMN** *See the Conqueror*  
#215 in **The Hymnal 1982** (the blue hymnal)

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **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. **Amen.**

**GLORIA** #S-280 in the front of **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal) Powell

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant & People*

**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**

**THE FIRST LESSON: 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

- 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!

## **THE SECOND LESSON: 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand for the sequence hymn and the reading of the Gospel.)*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*When Christ Was Lifted*

#603, v. 1-3 in **The Hymnal 1982** (the blue hymnal)

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

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

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

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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *When Christ Was Lifted*  
#603, v. 4 in The Hymnal 1982 (the blue hymnal)

**HOMILY**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**The NICENE CREED**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(Please kneel or be seated for the prayers of the people.)*

## THE PEACE

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

## WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

*(Eucharistic Prayer B from the Book of Common Prayer)*

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**     *Joshua fit de Battle*     arr. K. Shaw  
Advent Parish Choir



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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*(Please stand as you are able. Sung to hymn tune #400 in the Hymnal 1982 – the blue hymnal.)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...  
...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
 Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(You may remain standing, kneel, or sit for the remainder of the prayer.)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...  
 ...Therefore according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection;  
 we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...  
 ...all honor and glory is your, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

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| <b>Our Father, who art in heaven,<br/>         hallowed be thy Name,<br/>         thy kingdom come,<br/>         thy will be done,<br/>         on earth as it is in heaven.<br/>         Give us this day our daily bread.<br/>         And forgive us our trespasses,</b> | <b>as we forgive those who<br/>         trespass against us.<br/>         Lead us not into temptation,<br/>         but deliver us from evil.<br/>         For thine is the kingdom, and<br/>         the power, and the glory for<br/>         ever and ever. Amen.</b> |
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*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us!  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*At the Name of Jesus*

#435 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.**

## WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

### THE EASTER BLESSING

#### CLOSING HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
#450, v. 1-3 & 6 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Fantasia in D Minor*

Pachelbel

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