

Holy Eucharist

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 16, 2021



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia!
Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed.
Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Pour water into a bowl at home.

Raised up from the life-giving waters of baptism to live the resurrection life,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Risen Christ, we bless you that your Spirit flows out upon us
like rain bringing new life to parched lands,
a stream of ever flowing water reviving our dry souls,
a cup of cool water shared with a thirsty stranger.

When your church hides in fear, fixated on its wounds,
refresh us with your living water.
Let us drink of your mercy and forgiveness.
Quench our thirst with companions for the journey as we live our lives in you.

Risen Christ, we thank you,
for through these baptismal waters
you cleanse our hearts and shower us with peace.
Leading us from death to life, you make us new,
Now as we share your life, make us one.

Risen Christ, to you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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| <p>1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.</p> <p>2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.</p> | <p>3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.</p> <p>Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own,
and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By
your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find
our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“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—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 1

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the 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 LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those 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. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* (ELW 172)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] “⁶ I have manifested your Name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you've entrusted to me does indeed come from you. ⁸ I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it. They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent me. ⁹ And it's for them that I pray—not for the world, but for these you've given me—for they are really yours, ¹⁰ just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. ¹¹ I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. Abba, holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your Name—the Name that you gave me—that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your Name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, except for the one who was destined to be lost in fulfillment of scripture. ¹³ Now I am coming to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I gave them your word, and the world has hated them for it because they don't belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. ¹⁵ I don't ask you to take them out of the world, but to guard them from the Evil One. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, any more than I am of the world. ¹⁷ Consecrate them— make them holy through the truth— for your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so, I have sent them into the world; ¹⁹ I consecrate myself now for their sakes, that they may be made holy in truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY I Come with Joy

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Each prayer bid end with: ... Hear us, O God.

To which the assembly responds: **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude with:

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.
For Christ is risen:
Christ is risen indeed.

This is the day that you gave light to the earth.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.
Now every night is as bright as day,
and that light is Christ:
Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.
This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace.
The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,
for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

For on the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,
for that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God,
radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
for Alleluia! Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG - Son of God, Eternal Savior

1. Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.
2. As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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