

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Beach Spring* Kevin McChesney (b.1962)
The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 495: *Hail thou once despised Jesus*

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

People **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: *Festival Eucharist* Craig Phillips (b. 1961) (10:00 am only)

May be sung in English or Spanish

Glo - - - - - ry. glo - - - -
Glo - - - - - ria, glo - - - - -

- - ry to God in the high - - - - - est.
- - ria a Dios en el cie - - - - - lo.

People (8am only) **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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.**

The First Lesson: *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Happy 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

Choir Happy 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

ALL Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

Choir They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
— everything they do shall prosper.

ALL It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Choir Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

ALL For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson: *1 John 5:9-13*

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

I 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 603: *When Christ was lifted*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: *John 17:6-19*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

The Sermon

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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Rejoicing in the resurrection and filled with the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation. *A brief silence* Eternal God, you give meaning to our days, to our struggles and strivings, and to our joys and blessings. We give you thanks for your love which surrounds us on every side, and for the strength to face life with hope and courage.

People **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Ever-present One, you have planted this community like trees by streams of living water: We thank you for the good work you have given us to do in your name. Guide and direct our many ministries, that we may help make life better for those in need and bear witness to your great goodness. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth: for this glorious spring, for the sun and moon, for blue skies, for intense greenness, for lilacs and peonies. May we see your thumbprint in the world around us and appreciate your gift of this creation. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for our mothers and those who are like mothers to us. We give thanks for the tender affection they have shown us and the loving support they have given us. We ask you to bless them and fill their hearts with peace. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God our creator, we pray for expectant mothers and new mothers, for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family, and for mothers of special needs children and children who are ill, estranged from their family, or in any kind of danger or trouble. We pray for those who grieve for the loss of a child, and for those whose desire for a child has not been fulfilled. Bless them, that their love may be deep and tender. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Put your life-giving Spirit within weary bodies, hearts, and minds. Restore those who struggle with broken relationships, personal crisis, or poor health. We hold up to you in prayer those on our prayer list and all whose struggles are known to you alone. *Pause* May they be restored to wholeness and health in your good time and in your good way. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope in years to come: We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Sharon MacBride, in whose memory the flowers are given today, and for those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Grant them peace and let light perpetual shine upon them. **O God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Gracious and loving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: The Call Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)
Women of the Adult Choir

Children's Entrance Hymn: We are all one in Mission



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call.
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.



A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace.
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to-gether that all may know Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al-so 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.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus: Festival Eucharist Craig Phillips

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
Ho : san - na en el
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
cie - lo.
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

** The "Hosanna" may be sung in English or Spanish*

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1942)

Congregational Refrain

f Forcefully

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -
- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us
keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: Adoro te Devote Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

Communion Hymn 307: Lord Enthroned in heavenly splendor

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

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 **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 477: All Praise to Thee

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Allegro Spiritoso Greg Underwood
The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir