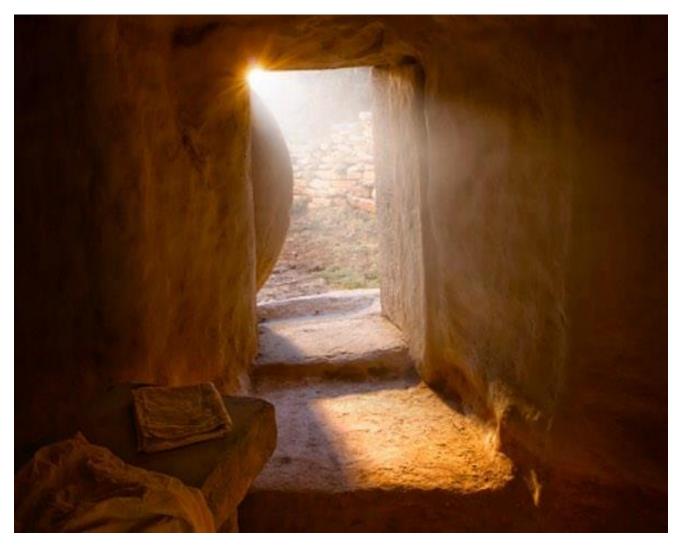
The Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 16, 2021



Wide Open Doors Wide Open Hearts

The Service of Holy Communion, Rite II

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Suite No. 1 in G for Solo Cello, BWV 1007 **Johann Sebastian Bach Camerata Philadelphia**





Easter Acclamation

Leader Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Leader 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

Festival Canticle



The Collect of the Day

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Leader

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Reader

> 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 **People** The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence

Psalm 1

Frederick A. Gore Ouseley



- 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!
- 2 Their delight is in the / law of the / Lord, * and they meditate on his / law / day and / night.
- 3 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.
- 4 It is not / so with the / wicked; * they are like / chaff which the / wind blows a/way.
- 5 Therefore 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 is / doomed.

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

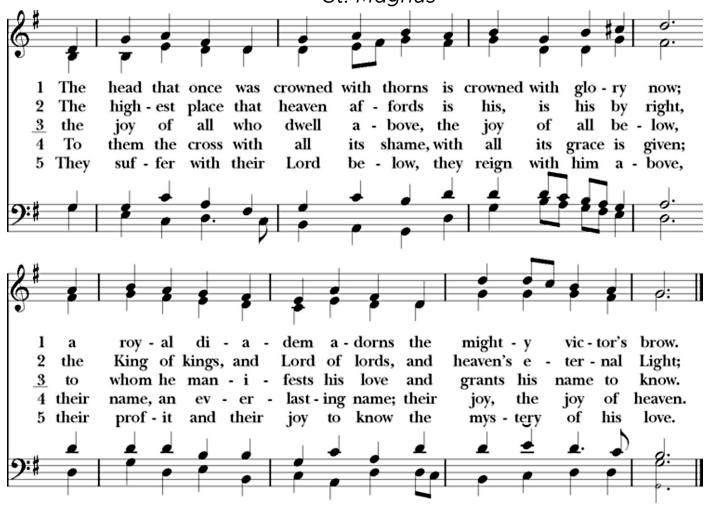
If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has 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.

The Sequence Hymn The head that once was crowned **Hymnal 483**St. Magnus



The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

The Gospel John 17:6-19

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

Leader 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."

Leader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner

The Nicene Creed

ΑII

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, Form III

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble:

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Mary.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially, Barbara, Maggie, Rudi, Ruben, John, Nancy, Emily, Brad & Family, Natasha, Emily, Jennifer, Rayelenn, Gordon, Joel, Alyssa, Otis, Valeria, Beth, Devon, Jerry's Family, Jim, Michael, Kyle, the Vicker Family, David, Mark, Michael, the Smith Family, Rebecca's family, Mary's family, and Grandma Moon.

We pray the prayers our children have asked for especially: for families and friends who lost children in the Afghanistan school explosion; for our city and all cities, that everyone can find peace and feel safe; that COVID cases go down and those who can, get vaccinated, so we all can have a good summer; that doctors and nurses stay healthy as they care for sick people; for calm at home during virtual school; that everyone will follow the rules and be safe at school; and that we can have fun at school when we are in-person.

You are invited to share your own prayers at this time.

Silence

Leader O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Leader

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Leader The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

Parish Notices

Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week. As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:

Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Join us on Facebook Live.

Join us in Rittenhouse Square after 12:15 pm on Sundays. BYO coffee, tea, water or whatever, for a socially-distanced gathering with friends. Bring a mask and look for the banner in the Square.

Returning to Worship: the Vestry has issued two updates, see the weekly eNews for details. Please fill out the survey in this week's update. We will continue to have weekly updates on Thursdays.

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do so during the Offertory Anthem. You can do this by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or Pressing Learn More on our Facebook Page or, if you are watching on our website, you can click the donate button on the top of the page.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Leader 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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life. (1 John 5:9-12)

Offertory Anthem Hail the day that sees him rise, Alan Bullard

- Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
- Christ, awhile to mortals given, enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
- Lord though parted from our sight, Alleluia! Far above you azure height, Alleluia!
- Grant our hearts may thither rise, seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!
- There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia! Partners of thy endless reign, Alleluia!
- There thy face unclouded see, find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia! (Charles Wesley)

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

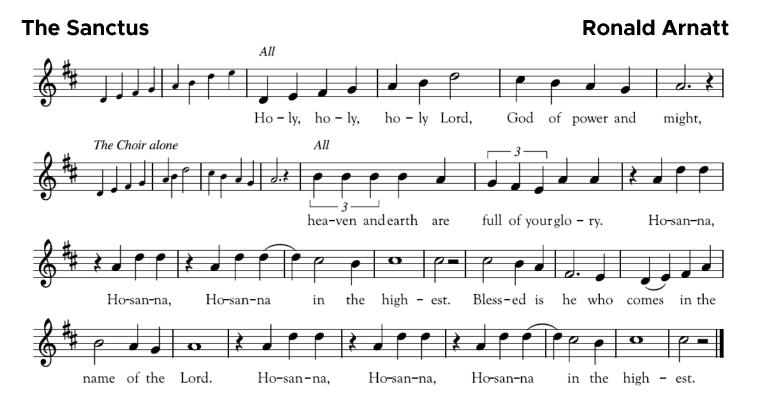
People We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Leader

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Leader

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

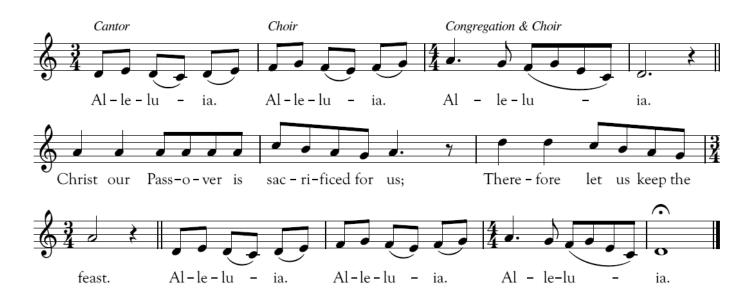
Leader And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

Owen Burdick

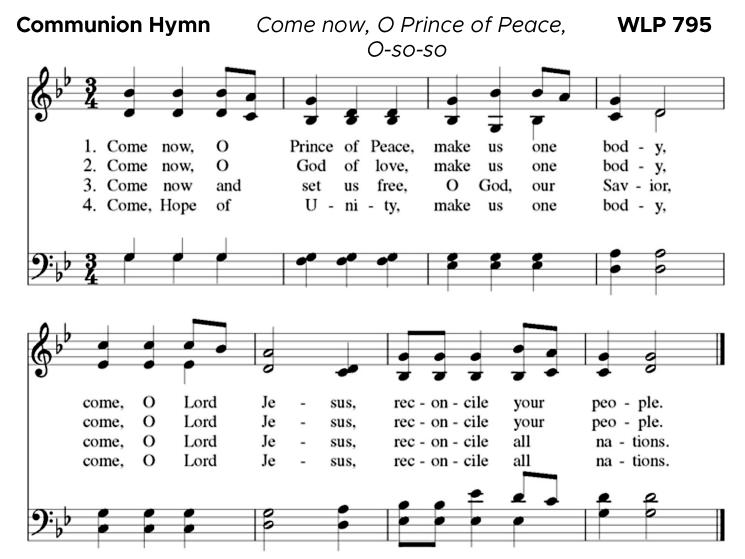


Leader The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long

for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)



Post Communion Prayer

Leader Let us pray.

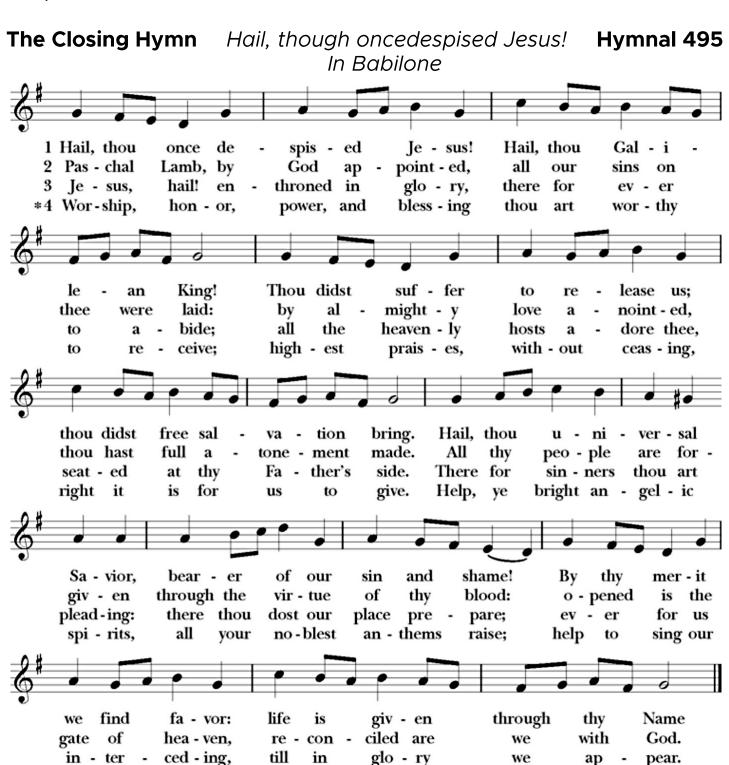
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

The Blessing

Leader The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

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The Dismissal

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Acclamations

Jean Langlais

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