

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Savior He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

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Only You

Only You, You alone
Are worthy of the glory, Lord.
And ev'ry crown we'll ever wear
We lay it down.
We bow our knees, we confess,
You are Lord all by Yourself.
You reign alone
Upon Your throne of righteousness;
Only You.

Who is like the Lord our God
Who reigns in majesty?
Who formed the earth
And the heavens above,
The mountains the deserts and seas?
Who deserves honor?
Who deserves praise?
Who is the Sovereign King?

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Who is like the Lord our God
Who lifts those of low degree?
Who by His grace and faithfulness,
He calls us His family?
Who deserves honor?

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We cry, "Holy is the Lord!"
We cry, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
We cry, "Holy is the Lord!"
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Prayer

Gathering Song: LBW 474 Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful and just God,

C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

P: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others; in the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting:

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie (sung): LBW setting 2, page 78

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast , LBW Setting 2, pg. 81

A: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God,

C: ...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

Lessons

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (NRSV)

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. ²¹...So 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.

1 John 5:9-13 (God’s Word Translation)

⁹We accept human testimony. God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony that he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony of God in them. Those who don’t believe God have made God a liar. They haven’t believed the testimony that God has given about his Son.

¹¹This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is found in his Son. ¹²The person who has the Son has this life. The person who doesn’t have the Son of God doesn’t have this life. ¹³I’ve written this to those who believe in the Son of God so that they will know that they have eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation: LBW setting 2, page 83

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Gospel according to... **John 17:6-19 (NRSV)**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶“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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And 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. ¹²While 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

After the reading

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: “Liminal Time”

Message Hymn: **LBW 300 O Christ, Our Hope**

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,	Oh, let your mighty love prevail
Creation's mighty Lord,	To purge us of our pride,
Redeemer of the fallen world,	That we may stand before your throne
By holy love out-poured,	By mercy purified,
By holy love out-poured.	By mercy purified.

How vast your mercy to accept	Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
The burden of our sin,	Our future great reward;
And bow your head in cruel death	Our only glory, may it be
To make us clean within,	To glory in the Lord,
To make us clean within.	To glory in the Lord!

But now the bonds of death are burst,	All praise to you, ascended Lord;
The ransom has been paid;	All glory ever be
You now ascend the Father's throne	To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
In robes of light arrayed,	Through all eternity,
In robes of light arrayed.	Through all eternity!

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Praise Song: **I Will Never Be**

I will never be the same again,
I can never return,
I've closed the door;
I will walk the path,
I'll run the race,
And I will never be the same again.

I will never be the same again,
I can never return,
I've closed the door;
I will walk the path,
I'll run the race,
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Fall like fire, soak like rain,
Flow like mighty waters,
Again and again;
Sweep away the darkness,
Burn away the chaff,
And let the flame burn,
To glorify Your name.

There are higher heights,
There are deeper seas,

Whatever You need to do,
Lord, do it in me.
The glory of God, fills my life,
And I will never be the same again.

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Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory – Let the Vineyards LBW Setting 2, page 86

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers are concluded with

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

C: Amen

Closing Song: LBW 143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Now all the vault of heaven resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Share the Good News.

C: Yes, Lord, we will!