

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary • 9:30 a.m. Online

# Opening Hymn • 494 • Crown him with many crowns •

#### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### The Collect for Purity

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, Gloria in excelsis deo Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### The 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 1:6-14

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Gradual • 544 • Jesus shall reign were'er the sun •

The Gospel John 17:1-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Edwin F Wills

The Nicene Creed (Stand as you are able)

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

Presider: Glorify your Name, O Holy One, and fill the world with your eternal life, that all people may be one in you as you are one in Christ, as we pray: Sing to God; sing praises to God's Name.

Litanist: Bless your Church throughout the world, O Gracious One, that she may devote herself to prayer and be your witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Sing to God;

#### sing praises to God's Name.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, be glad and rejoice, that God may finish the work that Christ began to bring peace and unity to the world.

Sing to God;

## sing praises to God's Name.

Father of orphans, defender of widows, look with compassion upon all the people of the world; with your great power restore, support, strengthen, and establish all who suffer or who are marginalized.

Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Let your Name dwell with us in our community, O Compassionate One, to refresh our land, bless our homes, and make provision for the poor, that we may be one as you are one. Sing to God;

### sing praises to God's Name.

Hear our prayers for all for whom we care, especially Lowell, Sandy, Molly, Amelia, Peter, Margaret, Gordon, Jessica, Sherry, Webb, David, Linda, David, Helen, Mary, Bev, Jeanne, Chris, Carole, Elizabeth, Robert, Justin, Mike, Tony, Anthony, Penny, Betsy, Tom, Sandy, Dwight, Tommy, Jennifer, Elise, and the leadership and people of Ukraine.

Accept our praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings we enjoy, especially The Helen Mitsui Shared Blessings Thrift Shop. Receive into your glory all who have died. Glorify your Son Jesus and establish Christ's authority over all people to give eternal life to all whom you have made. Sing to God;

#### sing praises to God's Name.

Presider: Your glory, O God, fills the whole creation: Send your power from on high to illumine the earth with your presence, that we may be one as you and the Son are one, in the strength of your Holy Spirit, for you are one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

#### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

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.

**Absolution:** 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 Sharing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

#### The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Music

#### **Doxology** (Hawaiian)

Ho'o-na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a mau, Ke kei-ki me ka U-ha-ne no, Ke Aku-a mau Ho'o-mai-ka'i pu, Ko ke-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. `Amene.

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 God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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.

#### The Celebrant continues:

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:

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

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, with King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

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.

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani, E ho'āno 'ia Kou inoa, E hiki mai Kou aupuni, E

mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma ka honua nei.

E like me 'ia i mālama'ia ma ka lani lā. E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i kā mākou lawehala 'ana, Me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i kā mākou.

Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai, E ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino. No ka mea, No uke apuni, a me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa aku. AMENE.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant*: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# Communion Hymn • Music •

#### The Ministration of Communion

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

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 •214 • Hail the day that sees him rise •

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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