



## Worship with Communion - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*Everybody is invited to read/pray/sing at the appropriate times during Worship.*

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**Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!**

Amma Diane

### ♪ **This is My Song**

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts unites learn to live as one.

So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

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*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All* **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **AMEN! 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!**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **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.

*All* **AMEN!**

## A Time of Remembrance

*Celebrant* God of peace and love, on this Memorial Day weekend we once again take time to remember. We remember that in Jesus of Nazareth you have called us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers" and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and enemy as we love ourselves. But we also acknowledge that there are times we as a global community fail to live out those words; time when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag. Today we give thanks for all who have chosen to serve their country. We give thanks for their bravery, their commitment, and their love. But we know that when military forces meet, there are always some who don't come home. And so we take time to remember those who did not return to the loved ones they left behind. Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

*All* **We remember the fallen, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**

*Celebrant* Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

*All* **We remember and honor those whose lives were given in service to us.**

*Celebrant* Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of reflection as our bell tolls. *The bell tolls.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray. God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives, let us be stirred to action in their memory. Strengthen us to promote peace and justice in our world, and remind us to love even our enemies as ourselves. Empower us to work for your kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your kingdom in the next.

*All* **AMEN!** *adapted from prayers by The Rev Gord Waldie & the Rev Robb McCoy*

## First Lesson

Acts 1. 6-14

*Reader 1* 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.*

*Reader 1* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Unison Reading**

Psalm 68. 1-10. 33-36

*All* Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; let those who hate you flee. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at your presence. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you; let them also be merry and joyful. Let us sing to God, sing praises to the divine name; let us exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is the divine name, before whom we shall rejoice! Protector of orphans, defender of widows, the One who dwells in holiness, who gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places. O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at your presence, O God of Sinai, at your presence, O God of Israel. You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary. Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O dominions of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. You ride in the heavens, the ancient heavens, O God; sending forth your voice, your mighty voice. Ascribe power to God; whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies. How wonderful is God in the divine sanctuary! The God of Israel gives strength and power to this people! Blessed be God!

**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 the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

Amma Diane

## **Celebrating Our Companion Diocese Relationship**

*Celebrant*

Today we celebrate the relationship between our diocese, the Diocese of Fond du Lac in The Episcopal Church and our companion diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo in the Anglican Church of Zimbabwe. Both are part of the global Anglican Communion, rooted in the Church of England. A companion relationship helps strengthen the Anglican Communion and strengthen one another. The Republic of Zimbabwe is a landlocked country with a population over 16 million. There are sixteen official languages spoken, with English being one of the primary languages, used for education and legal systems. Drought and erratic rainfall, a ruined infrastructure, and an economy in collapse mean millions of people still can't grow enough food to survive. Until food insecurity is properly addressed, outbreaks of diseases will continue to claim lives. The high prevalence of HIV (about 14% of the population) is a key barrier to development. About 70% of the population rely on farming for their livelihoods, but HIV-related illnesses prevent them from working. Zimbabwe has the highest rate of HIV orphans in the world, with one in four children having lost one or both parents to the disease. The Diocese of Masvingo is located in the southeast corner of Zimbabwe, bordering South Africa and Mozambique. Masvingo is the fifth and newest diocese in Zimbabwe, established in 2001. The Right Reverend Godfrey Tawonezi is the first Anglican Bishop of Masvingo, consecrated October 2002. Bishop Godfrey helps lead the diocese in serving the people of Zimbabwe through education and development. Let us pray.

*All*

**O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by the ever-widening circles of fellowship, thru our companion relationship with the Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and the Diocese of Fond du Lac in Wisconsin, USA. Help us to learn about each other to grow in love for each other. And show us your presence in those who differ most from us, and allow us to learn from each other with open hearts and minds; through Christ our lord. AMEN!**

## **Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant*

Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All*

**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!**

## Prayers of the People

*Reader 2* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;  
*All* **For our families, friends, & neighbors, & for those who are alone.**  
*Reader 2* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*All* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**  
*Reader 2* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*All* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**  
*Reader 2* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*All* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, & the needy.**  
*Reader 2* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*All* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**  
*Reader 2* For the entire Body of Christ, near and far.  
*All* **For all who serve God and God's Church.**  
*Reader 2* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;  
*All* **For your mercy is great.**  
*Reader 2* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*All* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**  
*Reader 2* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
 Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*All* **Who put their trust in you.**  
*Reader 2* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*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!**  
*Celebrant* 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.  
*All* **AMEN!**

## Passing the Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## Invitation to Communion

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ **Christ for the World! We Sing**

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;  
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost, by restless passion tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with one accord;  
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott, 1869. Music: *MOSCOW/ITALIAN HYMN*, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

## **Offering Our Gifts**

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*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*All* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*All* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*All* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All* **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* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*All* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*All* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior 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!**

## **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **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.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*Celebrant* 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!

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favor, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit..

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

## **♪ O God, As We Pause from Our Usual Ways**

O God, as we pause from our usual ways, as millions stay home, as we count passing days, may we learn what matters—what really has worth. May we seek your reign as we live here on earth. May we find your blessings in small, common things; may we learn the joy that community brings. In loving our neighbors, in stopping to pray, may we know your presence in each passing day.

God, may we reflect on a world that has changed—a world where our values have been rearranged. For those who once thought they could stand by themselves now value the workers who restock the shelves.

As greed and injustice are being laid bare, may we build a nation that's loving and fair.

God, give us the courage to change what we can, to work for the justice that's part of your plan.

So, turn us around, Lord, to make your world new; May we seek, in all things, to first follow you.

In change and in sorrow may we seek your reign. O God, in our pausing, restore us again!

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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