



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Holy Eucharist:

Enriching our Worship

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The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Opening Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Jenna Rodriguez & Val Valverde

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Gloria

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 God 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.

Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:6-14
Susan Schubert

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.*

Silence may follow.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exsurgat Deus* (chanted by Jenna Rodriguez)

- 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!

Lector A Reading from the First Letter to Peter

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Michael Spring

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 the Churches.
People *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(John 17:1-11)

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.*

Reflection

Rev. Terri Brice

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Sylvia Pace

Let us once more cast our cares upon the Lord, stating: To God be glory forever and ever.

For the church of God, especially its members who share in Christ's suffering, that the glory of the Lord might be revealed, we pray: *To God be glory forever and ever.*

For the world so loved by God, that the power of God's grace working in us might restore the beauty of its created image, we pray: *To God be glory forever and ever.*

For those who glorify God in simple, hidden, and faith-filled ways, we pray:
To God be glory forever and ever.

For those labeled wrongdoer and mischief-maker, that they might be loved without judgment and might enjoy God's life, we pray: *To God be glory forever and ever.*

For this local community, that the coming of the Spirit might find us steadfast in prayer and strong in love, we pray: *To God be glory forever and ever.*

For all in any pain and for all who sorrow [especially N.], that they might be brought beyond their trouble into the Spirit's peace, we pray: *To God be glory forever and ever.*

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Good and gracious God, you do infinitely more for us than all we can ask or even imagine. Hear these prayers; be our Savior again, now and forever. *Amen*

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cum Rhondda

Jenna Rodriguez & Val Valverde

The Dismissal

The Peace

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

Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a ‘virtual’ hello or a hug.

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Susan Schubert, Michael Spring
Prayers of the People	Sylvia Pace
‘Zoom’ Production	Jorge Darr

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As we continue to find new ways to worship and ‘gather together’ (if only via technology), we will be using the ZOOM conferencing application that allows us to share both video and audio interactively. So... in case you missed last weekend’s service, we’re going to ‘zoom’ our service in real-time again this weekend.

If you have access to a cellphone, laptop computer or tablet with a camera, and have not already done so, you can download the Zoom app at no charge. Just go to www.zoom.com and follow the steps to join the app for free. I would suggest that you do this in advance of Sunday’s service since the app takes a while to download to your device.

At 10:00am on Sunday morning, visit the Zoom website again and “join a meeting.” This week’s meeting ID is **890 4465 2335**. The password is **704817**. You should be connected into the meeting. Participants will be “muted” upon entry so that the service can begin in quiet.

If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) **1-929-205-6099** and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Terri +