

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
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Leaves that do not wither
(mixed media art by Sue Carroll)

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The Holy Eucharist

A gentle reminder: Please refrain from walking between the camera and the Altar during our live broadcast (except when receiving Communion). Thank you!

Prelude

Variations on D. Schwoebel's "Servant Song"

J. Arkfeld

Welcome

The Rector

The Word of God

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing (remaining masked).

Opening Hymn "This is the Day"

Author unknown
(Fijian traditional melody)

This is the day, this is the day, That the Lord has made, that the
Lord has made. We will re-joice, we will re-joice, And be
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
Lord has made. We will re-joice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, That the Lord has made.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Praise the God of all creation.
People **God has given us new life and hope.
God has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Celebrant God has claimed us as God's own.
People **God has brought us out of darkness.
God has made us light to the world.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant and People

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray: Heavenly one, you called the resurrected Christ home to be exalted in heaven. We wait expectantly for the fulfilment of your promise to equip us with the Holy Spirit on Earth. May we wait with courage and patience. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able, and join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 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!

**Their delight is in the law of the Holy One
and they meditate on that law day and night.**

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.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

**For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Remaining standing, please join in singing (remaining masked).

Sequence Hymn

“Be thou my vision”

Hymnal, 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rector

A brief silence

Please stand, as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Together, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God:

Celebrant and People

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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann and Chilton our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For those who have been commended to our prayers, especially: *Joey, Alice and Bill, Nancy, Joyce, Sydney, Phil, Paula, Suzie, Bill, Mike, Kenny, Maddie, Chip, Gracey, Warren, Mary Elizabeth, Todd, Victoria, Nicole, Gene, Susanna, Joyce, Carol, Pam, Allison, Curt, Allison, Lina, Don, Charlie, Carmen, Claire, and Katherine.* We remember before God all those impacted in body, mind, or spirit by COVID-19, and we lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition and intercession

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those which we now name, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of thanksgiving

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially this week *Gene Maier* (brother of Vince Leonard), and all those whom we now name, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers for the departed

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever: Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true, **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of the Risen Christ be always with you!
People **And also with you!**

Remaining in place, please greet one another from a distance.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant All things come from you, O God,
People **and from your own hand have we given you, Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW, Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

**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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus

to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Dunstan, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant These are 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.

Those worshipping online are invited to join in saying

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People (at home)

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come, Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated and join in singing (remaining masked).

Communion Meditation Hymn

“One bread, one body”

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 151

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. A double bar line with a repeat sign (S) is placed after the first measure of the vocal line. The lyrics "One bread, one bod-y" are written below the vocal line.

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

D.S.
 1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One
D.S.

⊕ CODA
 Lord.

Please stand, as you are able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant

“Love divine, all loves excelling” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, and all those you love, from this day forth and forevermore, **Amen.**

Please join in singing (remaining masked).

Closing Hymn

Hymnal, 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Announcements

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Improvisation

J. Arkfeld

Serving Today

Deacon: The Rev. Mary N. Sebold

Musician: Joseph Arkfeld, *keyboard and vocals*

Usher: Mike Brown

Lector: Donna Alvarez

Psalm Leader: Fred Smoak

Intercessor: The Rev. Dr. Robin Reed

Coffee: Fred Smoak

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