

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday after the Ascension)  
May 12, 2024  
10:30 a.m.**



REPENTANCE  
*for the*  
FORGIVENESS  
OF SINS  
*will be*  
PREACHED  
IN HIS NAME  
*to all*  
NATIONS.

LUKE 24:47, NIV



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**[P]** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

**[P]** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**[P]** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**[P]** Most merciful God,

**[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**[P]** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**


## GREETING OF PEACE

*Introduce yourself to those around you with a greeting of peace.*

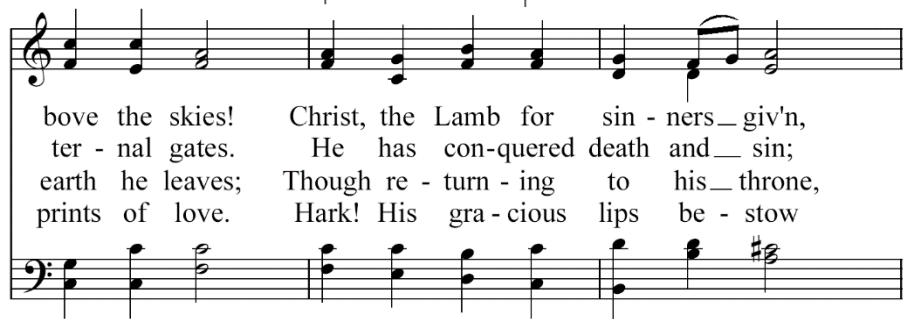
## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

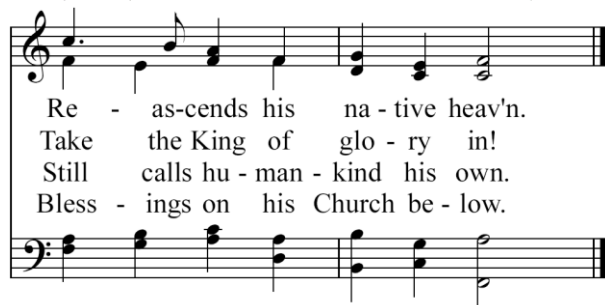
*harmonized for part-singing*



1) Hail the day that sees him rise To his throne a -  
 2) There the glo - rious tri-umph waits: Lift your heads, e -  
 3) See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he loves the\_\_  
 4) See, he lifts his hands a - bove; See, he shows the\_\_



bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners\_\_ giv'n,  
 ter - nal gates. He has con - quered death and\_\_ sin;  
 earth he leaves; Though re - turn - ing to his\_\_ throne,  
 prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow



Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.  
 Take the King of glo - ry in!  
 Still calls hu - man - kind his own.  
 Bless - ings on his Church be - low.

*Sing stanzas five*

*and six below*

*in unison:*

5) Still for us he in - ter - cedes;  
 His pre - vail - ing death he pleads.  
 He, the first of all our race,  
 Near him - self pre - pares a place.

6) There we shall with You re - main  
 Part - ners in Your end - less reign,  
 There Your face un - cloud - ed view,  
 Find our heav' n of heav' ns in You.

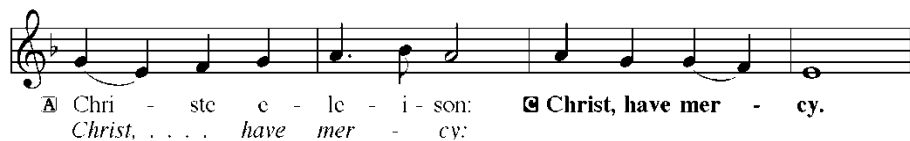
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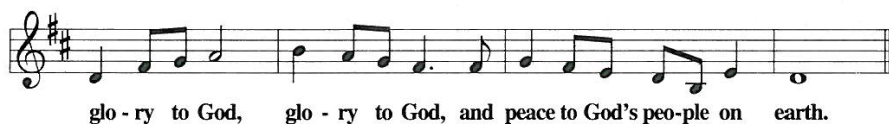
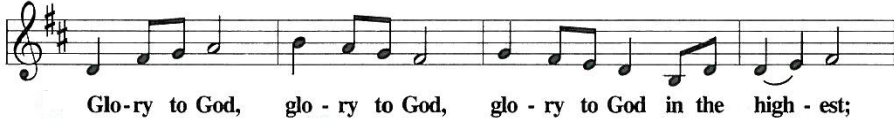
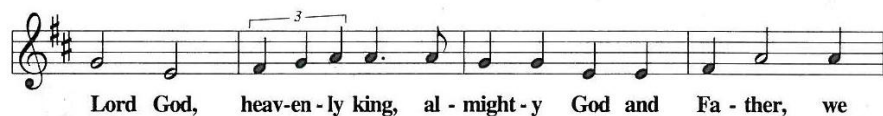
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**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.

## KYRIE (Cong. sings "c" parts)



## HYMN OF PRAISE



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** **And also with you.**

**[P]** Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C]** **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11

**[P]** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, '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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

**[R]** This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

**[P]** I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ

when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 24, beginning at verse 44.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ**



## APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

*Sit*

**MESSAGE**      “Not How, but Why” Ephesians 1:22-23

*Stand*

## HYMN      “At The Name of Jesus”



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name  
4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,  
5 In your hearts en - throne Him; There let Him sub - due



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.  
All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,  
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,  
Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,  
All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true:





'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,  
Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,  
Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,  
To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,  
Crown Him as your cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.  
All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.  
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;  
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.  
Let His will en - fold you In its light and pow'r.

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Phil. 2:5–11; Luke 1:31; John 1:1–4; Acts 1:10–11

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:*

**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.

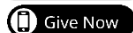
*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



**OFFERTORY MUSIC**    **Old Irish Blessing**  
Emily and Olivia Smith, duet

*Denies Agay*

## OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER

*Stand*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

[P] Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE PREFACE

[P] The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

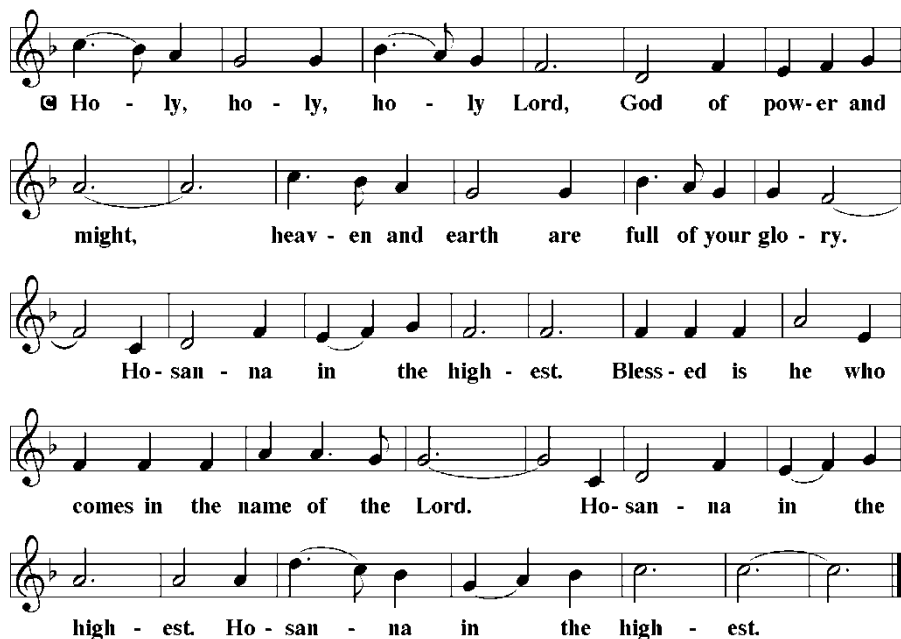
[P] Lift up your hearts. **[C]** We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**[C]** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**C** 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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *You may approach the altar as space is available to receive communion elements pre-packaged or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.*

HYMN “Lord Enthroned In Heavenly Splendor”

1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick-en rock with  
from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
stream-ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na

Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head.  
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem.  
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
We in wor - ship  
Cleans - ing souls from  
Ris'n, as - cend - ed,

liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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Rev. 1:5-6; 5:11-14; 7:9-17; 1 Cor. 5:7b

## Stand

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

**C** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**[P]** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] 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.**
- [P]** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up

hymns through - out the world shall ring:  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?"  
 to the por - tals of the sky."

al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall

trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -

God.  
 ty.  
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty."

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 All praise to You let earth accord:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You are, while endless ages run,  
 With Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Acts 1:9–11; Col. 3:1–4; Ps. 47:5–9; Rev. 5:13



## POSTLUDE

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### Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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