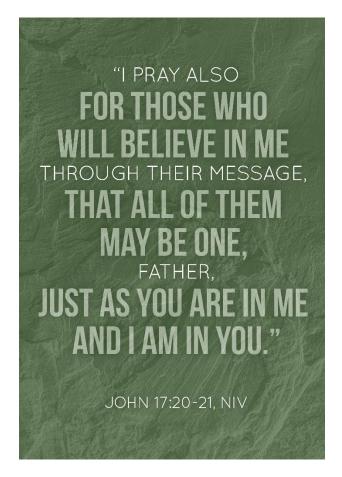
# Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after the Ascension) June 1, 2025 9:30 AM





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"Come, Lord Jesus!" John the Seer shares the ancient prayer of the early church in today's second reading. Echoes of the prayer occur as the church gathers for the eucharist, and some of us use those ancient words at our own dinner tables. The "threefold truth" propels us into this day: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **INVOCATION**

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

C Amen.

#### **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

- P Most merciful God, C Have mercy on us.
- We confess to you 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

## C Thanks be to God!

Stand

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** Share a greeting of peace with those around you.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**



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.

Meter: 77.77 Charles Wesley, 1739, abr., alt. Source: TLH 213 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.

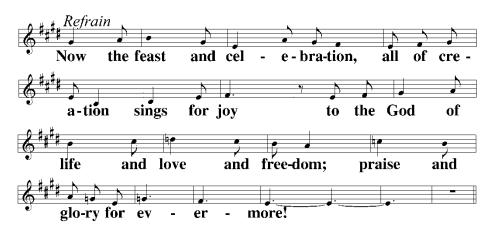
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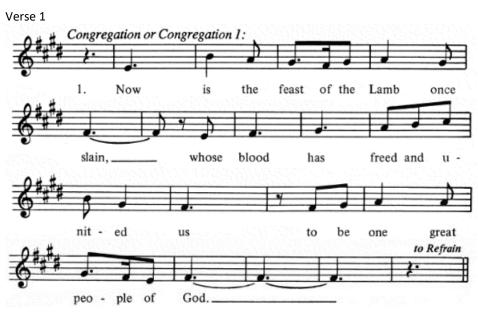
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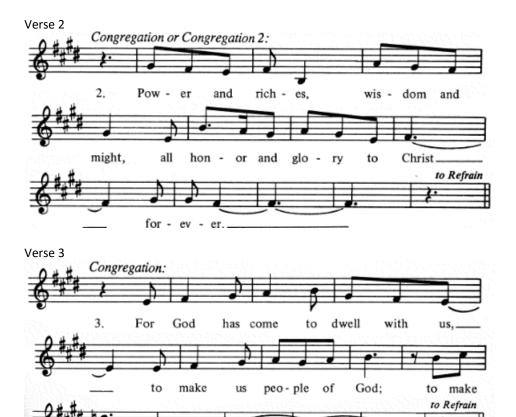




Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.







## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

all

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

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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. • Amen.

new.

#### FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11

R 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 during 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 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND LESSON** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

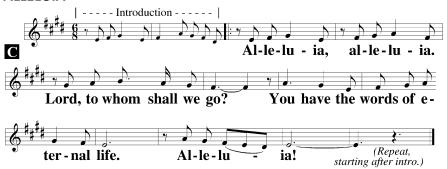
The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon.

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **ALLELUIA**



#### GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 17, beginning at verse 20.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

In the life of the church is a unity of mission: to proclaim in word and deed that God loves all people. The unity of this mission finds its source in our union with Christ through word and meal.

P Jesus prayed: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Praise to You, O Christ.

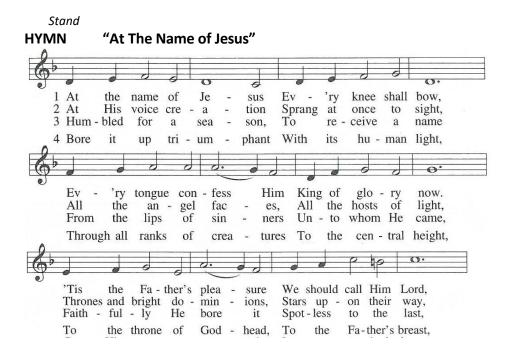
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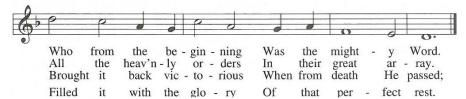
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

MESSAGE "Pray In All Things"





6 Christians, this Lord Jesus

Shall return again
In His Father's glory,
With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon His brow,

And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817–77, alt. Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 KING'S WESTON 65 65 D

#### **PRAYERS**

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 TABLE**

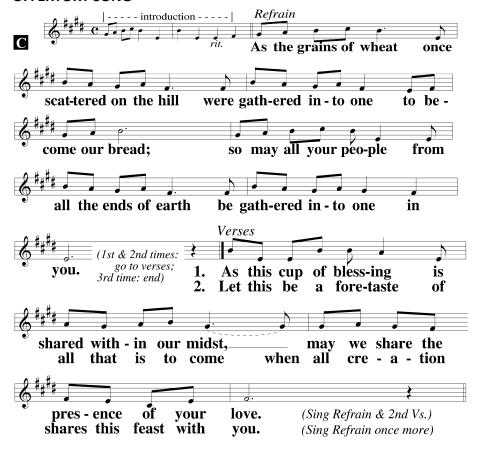
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#### Stand

#### OFFERTORY SONG

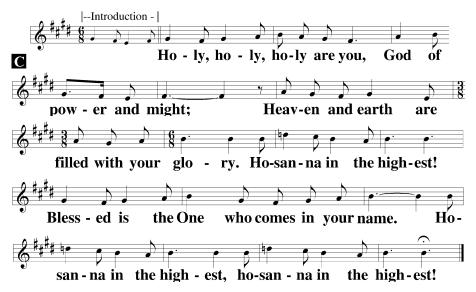


P Let us pray. God of blessing and glory,

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING





#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

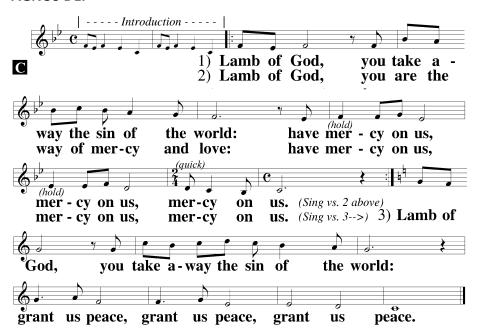
- P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,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

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

## **AGNUS DEI**



Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.



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

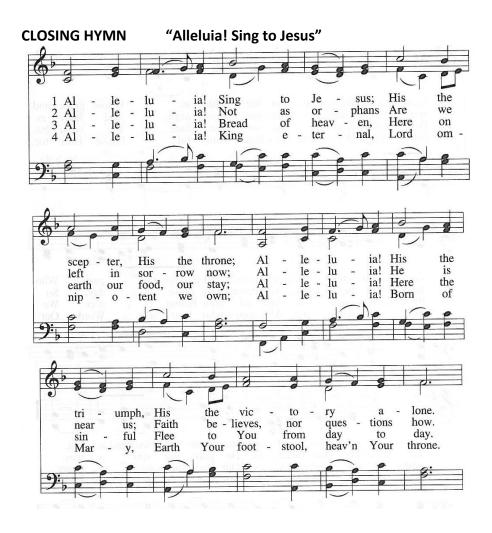


P Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

- 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.

  Amen.
- P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.





5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87 HYFRYDOL 87 87 D

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Rev. 7:9-14; Heb. 9:11-28; John 6:31-35, 48-51; 14:18-19

## **POSTLUDE**

## ---- The liturgy is ended; let the service begin -----

#### 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. has 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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