SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship — 9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER — During this season of Easter, an odd thing happens with the Lectionary. Instead of just reading what happened after Jesus rose and ascended, we are sometimes taken back to things Jesus said and did previously. Such is the case with today’s Gospel, part of what is known as Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer. It is a prayer that Jesus prayed just before going to the cross. Here Jesus prays that all who believe in Him—past, present, and future—may be one. Why review something that happened before the first Easter? Because Jesus’ prayer is not bound by time or place; Jesus, who has ascended to the right hand of the Father, is even now praying such a prayer. “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word” (John 17:20). This was Jesus’ prayer for the Twelve. This is also Jesus’ prayer for us. The model for our oneness in Christ is the Holy Trinity: “Just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us” (John 17:21). Jesus’ prayer for the Church today is that we may all be one, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, so that the world may believe.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Beautiful Savior" by Lani Smith
[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New
2 The holy apostolic band Up —
3 To them the shining angels cry, “Why
4 “You see Him now, ascending high Up

In the opening hymn through-out the world shall ring: Al-le-lu-ia,
on the Mount of Olives stand. Al-le-lu-ia,
stand and gaze up on the sky?” Al-le-lu-ia,
to the portals of the sky.” Al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ, by a road be-fore un-
Al-le-lu-ia! And with His faith-ful fol-l’w-ers 
Al-le-lu-ia! “This is the Sav-i-or,” thus they 
Al-le-lu-ia! “Here-a-f ter Je-sus you shall 

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

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

5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, 
And be our future great reward. 
All-e-lu-ia, all-e-lu-ia! 
Then, throned with You forever, we 
Shall praise Your name eternally. 
All-e-lu-ia, all-e-lu-ia! 
All-e-lu-ia, all-e-lu-ia, all-e-lu-ia!

6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, 
All praise to You let earth accord: 
All-e-lu-ia, all-e-lu-ia! 
You are, while endless ages run, 
With Father and with Spirit One. 
All-e-lu-ia, all-e-lu-ia! 
All-e-lu-ia, all-e-lu-ia! Amen.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! God has crowned Him with glory and honor!

C The river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb in the midst of the city.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! God has crowned Him with glory and honor!

C The tree of life produces twelve kinds of fruit and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of nations.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! God has crowned Him with glory and honor!

C The Lord God is our light, and in Him we will reign forever and ever.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! God has crowned Him with glory and honor!
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(Silence for meditation and reflection)
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

INTROIT
Psalm 61:3, 5-8; antiphon: v. 1

P Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
C for You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.
P For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.
C Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations!
P May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!
C So will I ever sing praises to Your name, as I perform my vows day after day.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.
C for You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

(continued)
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 — Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the people of God, and
4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has been

blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain
honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain
join in the hymn of all creation: Stanza 4
God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

Gun His reign. Alleluia. Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(continued)
Let us pray.
All: Lord Jesus, You prayed that we who follow You may all be one. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, make us one, so that the world may believe that You are Lord and come to You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE
C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

unreadable

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY Crown Him with Many Crowns LSB 525

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin’s Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love, Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o’er the grave

(continued)
Hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drows All mu-sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, In beau-ty glo-ri-fied.  
And rose vic-to-ri-ous in the strife For those He came to save.

A-wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, 
Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The 
No an-gels in the sky Can ful-ly bear that sight, But 
His glo ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e-ter-ni-ty.  
root whence mer-cy ev-er flows, The babe of Beth-le-hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d’ring eyes At mys-ter-ies so bright.  
died e-ter-nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5. Crown Him the Lord of heav’n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He Is king of all.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING  "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" by Jeffrey Blersch
OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the
hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we
offer now. Grace our table with Your presence, and
give us A foretaste of the feast to come.


PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As the Body of the risen Christ and devoting ourselves to prayer, let us bring before the Lord the prayers of our minds and hearts. For Christians throughout the world, that our divisions decrease and our sense of oneness in Christ increase, O Lord,

C make us one.

P For our Synod—our president, district president, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the church, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we focus on demonstrating our oneness in Christ as a witness to the world of Your love for us in Christ, O Lord,

C make us one.

P For the president and the congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, O Lord,

C make us one.

P That this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us, and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness, O Lord,

C make us one.

P For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness, [especially...] that with one voice we speak God’s ever-present love for them with our visits and prayers, O Lord,

C make us one.

P For the families of our congregation—husbands and wives, children, grandparents, singles, aunts and uncles—that their love for one another be a sign to the world of God’s never-ending love for us in Christ, O Lord,

C make us one.
As You blessed the disciples gathered in Jerusalem awaiting the promised Spirit, so bless us by hearing our prayers as we await the coming of the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give You thanks, Holy and Almighty God, Eternal Three in One, that from Your very heart flowed the life of Jesus, God-with-us. He who knew no sin became sin for us that we may life. In His death, sin is overcome. He who died on the cross was raised to new life on the third day. In His death, death is overcome. He who descended to the depths of hell rose to bring new life to all creation. In His death, hell is overcome. From the tree of the cross, as from a tree of life, sprout fruit that brings nourishment and new life to us and to all who
believe. And so, with one voice we thank You, Lord. We pray that our lives become filled with gratitude for all that You have done for us through Jesus.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share this peace with one another.

(People greet one another saying: “Peace be with you. And also with you.”)

[Remain standing]

\[\text{AGNUS DEI}\]

\[\text{Lamb of God}\]

\[\text{Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.}\]
Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*  

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may 
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y 
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the 
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing 
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us 

feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of 
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of 
gift of love re - told; All that You are we 
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un - 
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your 

bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine. 
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n. 
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give. 
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home. 
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast. 

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**Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**  

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le - 
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the 
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the 
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the 
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more 

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head 
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree 
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee 
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise 
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

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Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus, Bears the name above all names, Reigning Son of God, surpassing tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempted, God’s right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, and its end, Pioneer of our salvation, Other titles, pow’rs and claims—
Since to heav’n our
Unlike us, without a stain—
Since He shared our
His pre-eminence long-planned; Such a great High
Might-y ad-vocate and friend; Je-sus, high in

(continued)
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Thank You, Triune God, for making us one in the Body of Christ. Help us to demonstrate our oneness with You and with one another by words and deeds that demonstrate this love to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

P Jesus prayed: "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Amen.
Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us others live. Free ly have Your gifts been granted; Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us

Hal lows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in Free ly may Your servants give. Yours the gold and Yours the Bid its cruel discords cease. By Your patient years of Hal lows all our human race: By Your praying, by Your
glo ry, For Your own will ev er plead: Fill us with Your silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew ards toiling, By Your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered willing That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our

love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need. of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be. thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain. hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthdays: June Mangus]

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “Diademata” by Edward Broughton

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