

The Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 21, 2023 11:00am

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Easter Rainbow

Opening Hymn

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

Hymnal #215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph; see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted to receive their heavenly King.

He who on the cross did suffer, he who from the grave arose,
he has vanquished sin and Satan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
While he lifts his hands in blessing, he is parted from his friends;
while their eager eyes behold him, he upon the clouds ascends.

Thou hast raised our human nature on the clouds to God's right hand:
there we sit in heavenly places, there with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in thine ascension, we by faith behold our own.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Hymnal #S-280 (Powell)

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.

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.***

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Acts 1:6-14* ⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Psalm: *Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*

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!

The Second Reading: *1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

James Chepponis

The Holy Gospel: *John 17:1-11*

¹[Jesus] looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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.”

Alleluia response

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

All remain standing. Presider or deacon

. . . we pray to the Lord

Response **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Crown Him Lord of All

Carter

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

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.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father. . .

. . .Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . .Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymnal #603

When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.

Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far, he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.

Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame, he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.

Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal #460

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 every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! The songs of holy Zion Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn

Crown him with many crowns (vs. 1, 5)

Hymnal #494

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; Crown him the King, to whom is given 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.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Postlude



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