

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.



8:00AM DIVINE SERVICE

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
12 May 2024

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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COLLECT



BENEDICTION

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- 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.

CLOSING HYMN — *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*

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SENDING

- P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE — *The Church's One Foundation*

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

AS WE GATHER

The Easter season finds its culmination in the high priestly prayer of Jesus. With this we are reminded that the Lord is praying for us, for our faith, and for our unity in the faith, so that we may fulfill His purpose in making known all that He has done. It should be of great comfort to us that on the night of His betrayal, our Lord does not pray for Himself but for His disciples and those who will believe through their witness. As we confront the mission of the church to be His witnesses still, He does not relent praying for us still. United in faith and living together our common life under His Word and at His Table, we are strengthened in unity and in mission.

PRELUDE — *Lord, Let Thy Spirit*

arr. David Paxton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN — *By All Your Saints in Warfare*

sts. 1, 13, 3; # 517

✠ SERVICE of PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

EXHORTATION

- 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.

1 John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

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.

ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen

✝ SERVICE of the WORD ✝

INTROIT

Psalm 27:1a,4-5; antiphon: v. 7

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.

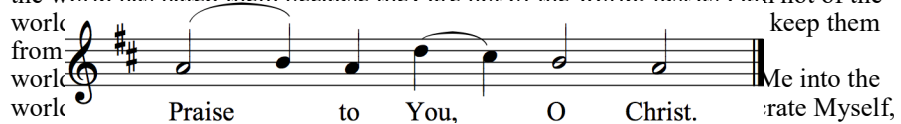
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**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.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

C

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world. just as I am not of the world. I have kept them from the world, and I have kept them from the world, that they also may be sanctified in truth."



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C

APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY — *Christ is the World's Redeemer*

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C OFFERING — *Gentle Jesus* Jules Jordan
What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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.**

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

EPISTLE

(Whoever has the Son has life.)

1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in Himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

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

THE CHOIR— *Jesus, Jewel of My Faith*

J.S. Bach

ALLELUIA and VERSE *(Stand)*

Psalm 45:2a; pg. 173

L Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
Alleluia.

HOLY GO 

John 17:11b-19
(Jesus prays that we may be one as the Father and the Son are one.)


- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.


KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47; pg. 168

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



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C Lord, have mer - cy. Ivation let us pray to the Lord.

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C Lord, have mer - cy. e well-being of the Church of God, and d.

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C Lord, have mer - cy. er here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C 
C A - men.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A 
HVN 

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Son of the Fa - ther, 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. 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.

SALUTAT And al - so with you.

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P The Lord be with you.

C

P Let us pray...Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *(Sit)*

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

(The Lord chooses Matthias to fill the empty spot among the Twelve created by Judas' death.)

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,

which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
 and let there be no one to dwell in it”;

and

“Let another take his office.”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1 antiphon v. 6

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

¹Blessèd is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on His law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
 In all that he does, he prospers.