

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Deerfield Beach, Florida

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

We Gather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid: Jesus is risen!

This is the day the Lord has made,

when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell
and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God,

is your mercy and loving-kindness to us,

that to redeem a slave,

you gave a Son.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

"Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

OPENING LITANY

We are the people of Zion!

A city on a hill, a light that cannot be hid!

Following Jesus

Everyone is welcome here!

Following Jesus

We equip each other for ministry!

Following Jesus

We are sent to serve our neighbor!

This is the day the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We Hear & Respond to God's Word

YOUTH MESSAGE

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

A reading from Acts:

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "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 Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;**

as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;**

I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;**

but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,**

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;**

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;**

you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the
skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of
Israel,
giving strength and power to your people!
Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

A reading from First Peter:

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(sung) Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be: Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth
chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his
disciples], he 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Are Mine”



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 “I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. To stanza 2
Come and rest in me. To refrain
all will know my name. To refrain
up, now walk and live! To refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.”

To stanzas 3 and 4

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NICENE CREED

Together with all Christians of every time, place, and space, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Following Each Petition: ...Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:
**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.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

This is the time in our worship to give thanks to God for your blessings. How is God blessing you and calling you to bless others? We invite your support of ongoing and growing ministries at Zion.

We Are Sent into the World

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ☩ peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.

Go in peace. Share the good news that Christ is risen!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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