



# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together. We will be sharing in Communion, please prepare bread and wine/juice.

*Welcome!*

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*, which joins us to the death and resurrection of Christ.

*Gathering Hymn – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #807*

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Greeting, Kyrie and Glory to the Lamb (sung)*

*Prayer of the Day*

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Scripture Readings*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have

chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

**<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

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

**<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

**<sup>6</sup>for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### *Gospel Acclamation (sung)*

The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup>"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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for 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. <sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

*Hymn of the Day – They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*  
(contemporary version)

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Refrain:* And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain.*

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Refrain.*

4. All praise to the Father from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain.*

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Offering*

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*Offering Hymn – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #674*

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain:* Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain.*
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain.*

***Offering Prayer* – God of life, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world, for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ, amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving (sung)*

*Christ's Words of Institution*

*Communion* \* Eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

*Thankful Hearts (sung)*

*Announcements*

- Today is church clean-up day! Tackle anything on the list that still needs to be done.
- Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday! You're invited to wear red, a color of celebration of God's Spirit with us!
- Even more fun: May 30<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, middle and high school students are planning and leading worship!

*Blessing and Dismissal*

***L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

***L: Go in peace. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God.***

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