### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - JESUS IS RISEN! May 24, 2020 10:00 AM

#### The congregation's part is in **bold**. **THE WORD OF GOD**



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#### WELCOME

# Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome message video

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### The First Lesson

### Acts 1:6-14

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

### The Second Lesson

### 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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

### The Gospel

# John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

# MESSAGE

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of 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.

We 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** (Adapted from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services.)

Let us pray. Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . . *silence* for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . . *silence* for the gifts of relationship with others . . . *silence* for the communion of faith in your church . . . *silence* 

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

# Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world ... *silence* for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare ... *silence* for all who work for peace and international harmony ... *silence* for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction ... *silence* for the church of Jesus Christ in every land ... *silence* 

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor on our friends and family, during this time of separation. Our hearts are grieved to be absent, and we pray that our shared sacrifice is justified by the results of this social distancing. Make them ever mindful of our love and our desire to be present in their lives; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

### MUSICAL OFFERING TO GOD For Eve

#### For Everyone Born

**Denise Hobbs** 

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

- Friends in Christ, we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together during this time of social distancing. Many of us are feeling what St. Thomas Aquinas describes as an "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him." We are aware of this absence and our yearning for the real presence of Christ in that same experience we share with followers of Christ throughout the ages. Until we are able to meet again in community, we can share in a different Christian tradition in the practice of spiritual communion. Let us pray together the prayer for spiritual communion from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services.
- In unity, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. we remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

# THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

- Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

As Christ teaches us, we 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

# PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Video announcements.

### BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let the God of all grace bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

### SENDING SONG

Carol Latimer

# LORD BE GLORIFIED

In my life Lord Be glorified be glorified In my life Lord Be glorified today

In my song Lord Be glorified be glorified In my song Lord Be glorified today

In Your church Lord Be glorified be glorified In Your church Lord Be glorified today

In our home Lord Be glorified be glorified In our home Lord Be glorified today

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# DISMISSAL

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