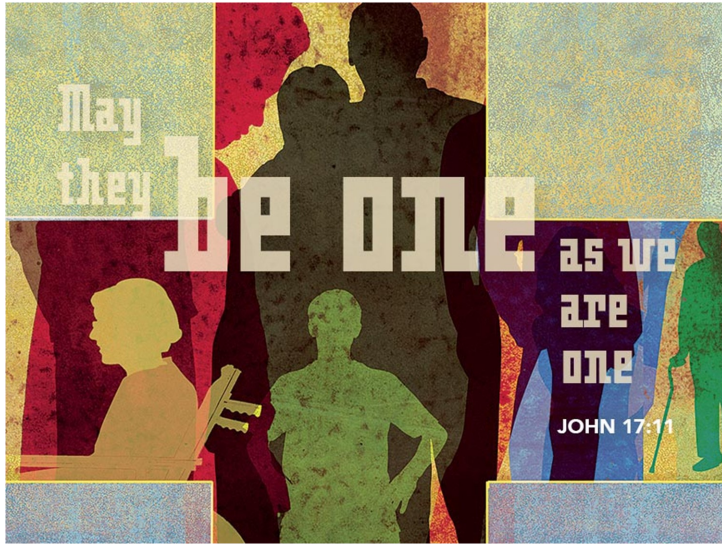


Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 24, 2020



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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.

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Every MemberMinisters
Elizabeth Hess Pastor
Ralph GroveOrganist
Cindy Finnegan Minister of Music

Lectors

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..... 8:15 AM
.....10:45 AM

Acolytes

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION

PASTOR: Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

ALL: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.**

PASTOR: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

ENTRANCE HYMN

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray....

C 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.

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

L The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

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

**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.**

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

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
 I AM is that name, rejoice before God! R**

In your holy habitation, O God,
 you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
 but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

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

**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.**

You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
 you restored your inheritance when it languished.

**Your people found their home in it;
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. R**

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

**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
 you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

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

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

SECOND LESSON

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

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

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.

L The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the Seventeenth Chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After 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, 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Lord**

FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

*APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

*PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you" Deuteronomy 16:17

OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord in your mercy

C **hear our prayers**

The prayers conclude:

P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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**

***BENEDICTION**

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

C

***CLOSING HYMN #**

***DISMISSAL**

Mark 12:28-31

C **Love God, Love others.**

***POSTLUDE**

***Congregation Stands**

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JESUS' PRAYER

Decades beyond her early childhood, from time to time she repeats the bedtime prayer she has never forgotten: “Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Guard me, Jesus, through the night, and wake me with the morning light.” What then follows is the threading of names, precious like pearls, on a string. “God bless . . . ,” she begins, then lists mom, dad, grandmas, grandpas, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, all by name. Then teachers she liked, friends nearby and hungry children afar, the sick neighbor, the old man in the library, the blind lady at the post office, the lifeguard at the beach. Sometimes there is an “Amen,” but often sleep comes first.

Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, shares a farewell meal with them, and teaches for the last time about his way of love. He promises again the presence of the Spirit and the coming of God’s peace. Then, at the end of the day, he prays that God will be with his followers—and he prays for each of us. Jesus prays for his disciples, that they might know the love of God just as much as they know the real person of Jesus.

Jesus’ prayer is also a prayer for unity. Jesus prays that we may be one just as he and God are one. Jesus prays, “All mine are yours, and yours are mine” (John 17:10). Following Jesus’ example, we also may pray for the unity of all people with God, and the reconciling of peoples and all creation. We pray that what the world rejects God will receive. We pray that what the world divides God will make one. We pray that what the world threatens God will protect.

May we be comforted by Jesus’ prayer for us, and may we be so emboldened to pray ourselves for the blessing, presence, and unity found in our risen Lord and Savior.

