

+ Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021

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+ Seventh Sunday of Easter Order for Worship

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from Jesus' prayer for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death. The reading always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interconnected life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Prelude

There is a Balm in Gilead

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We bless you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We thank you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all honor and praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**



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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.
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.
C: Amen.

First Reading - 1 John 5: 9-13

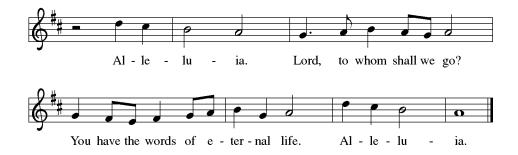
⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that God has testified to God's Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made God a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning God's Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in God's 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, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia



Gospel – John 17: 6-19

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John. C: Glory to you, O Lord. [Jesus prayed:] 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; ⁸ 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. 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. ¹²While 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

Children's Word

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Somos uno en Cristo / We Are All One in Christ

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Prayers of the People

P: Trusting in God's promise of new life in Christ, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition*P: God of mercy,**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we lift up our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, the Holy Trinity, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news! C: Thanks be to God!

- With high delight let us unite in songs of sweet jubilation.
 You pure in heart, all bear your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
 To set us free forever, he is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth into life, all subduing.
 His enemy now vanquished see; his death has been death's undoing.
 "And yours shall be like victory o'er death and grave," says he, who gave his life for us, life renewing.
- 3 Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration.
 His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
 So shall his love give us above, from misery and death set free, all joy and full consolation.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Prelude Welcome Hymnody

Gospel Verse

Sue Gaugler Joyce Compton and Kelly Spanninger Sue Gaugler, Piano Richard Krug, Vocals Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Organ Kristen Asplin, Maria Mangano, David Rollinson, Jonathan Paetz, Joseph Paetz, Vocals Christopher Atwood Pastor Ross Carmichael

Director of Faith Formation Presiding Minister

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