

7th Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2024



On this Seventh Sunday of Easter the scripture lessons focus on the task at hand for the newly formed church. The eleven disciples need to find a replacement for the one who betrayed Jesus. This will be the beginning of their apostolic ministry to the world. We are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his followers before his death; a prayer that asks for the protection of his closest friends as they go out into the world without him at their side. They will not be alone, however. They will soon have the Holy Spirit.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

LBW - DIVINE SERVICE TWO

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - KIMBERLY BAZEMORE

GREETING

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

SHARE THE PEACE

HE IS RISEN! **HE IS RISEN INDEED! (3 TIMES)**

▲ ENTRANCE HYMN "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" LBW # 170

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung*)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Trinity, your deep desire for you people is that we may be one as you are one. **You have made us one in Christ through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Teach this gathering of Christ's followers to live each day out of our true identity —children of God and one in Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

▼ FIRST READING — ACTS 1:12-26 (pew Bible pg. 1080)

▼ SECOND READING — 1 JOHN 5:9-15 (pew Bible pg. 1213)

▼ KCJAM & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ GOSPEL READING

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

The Holy Gospel from John 17:11b-19 (pew Bible pg. 1073) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

▼ MESSAGE: "SURGERY"

▲ HYMN "YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL"

**You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
Worthy is Your name! Worthy is Your name!**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name; You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
Worthy is Your name! Worthy is Your name!**

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (*Spoken*)

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.

▲ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Spoken*)

▲ OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ SANCTUS (*Sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

▲ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

▲ AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

(Those who receive the Lord's Supper at their home congregation are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Sung*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. **Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

▲ BENEDICTION (*Spoken*) The Lord bless you and keep you... **Amen**

▲ HYMN: "BE THOU MY VISION"

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought...by day and by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower, Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude - Kimberly Bazemore