

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAY 24, 2020

WELCOME _____

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Hymn Christ Has Arisen

Christ has a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!
Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.
Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM_____

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvations.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.



GATHERING_____

Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Greeting
Christ is risen. Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!
Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

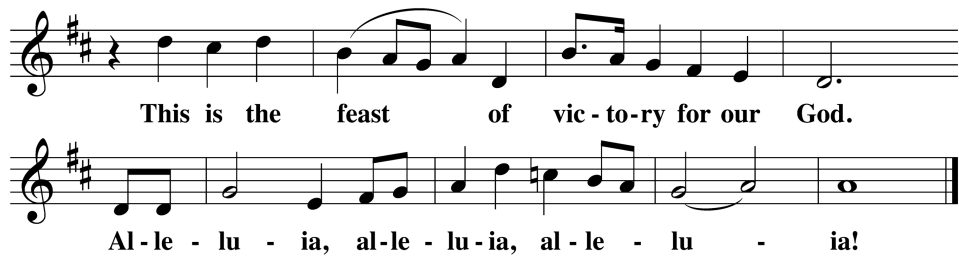
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.**

WORD _____

First Reading

The reading concludes:
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Chanted responsively

Let God arise, and let God's ene-mies 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 pres-ence of God.
**But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be mer-ry 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!**

In your holy habita-tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend-er 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 be-fore 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.
**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 pow-er 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!

Second Reading

The reading concludes:
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 17th chapter.
Glorify to you, O Lord.
+ SAINT JOHN 17:1-11 +
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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 Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord:
Have mercy, O God.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Reflections on God's Grace

THANKSGIVING_____

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

SENDING_____

Hymn

O God beyond All Praising



Dismissal

Christ is risen, Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

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