



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, MAY 12, 2024 - 8:30 TRADITIONAL SERVICE
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MEMPHIS



As We Gather

- L** The Easter season finds its culmination in the high priestly prayer of Jesus. With this we are reminded that the Lord is praying for us, for our faith, and for our unity in the faith, so that we may fulfill His purpose in making known all that He has done. It should be of great comfort to us that on the night of His betrayal, our Lord does not pray for Himself but for His disciples and those who will believe through their witness. As we confront the mission of the church to be His witnesses still, He does not relent praying for us still. United in faith and living together our common life under His Word and at His Table, we are strengthened in unity and in mission.

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To them the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia, alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say;
"This is His glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia, alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

L Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

C I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. But for the promise of Christ, I would have no hope. Because of Christ's promise, I am made bold to ask for mercy. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L God be gracious to us and strengthen our faith.
C Amen.

L Almighty God has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
C Amen.

Introit for Easter 7 *(sung to Psalm tone B, page xxvi)*

Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14

L *The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation; *
whom | shall I fear?
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after: *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the
LORD and to inquire in His | temple.
For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of | trouble; *
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high up- | on a rock.
For my father and my mother have for- | saken me, *
but the LORD will | take me in.
Wait | for the LORD; *
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!*

G *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, **

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 152

L *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

G *Lord, have mercy.*

L *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

G *Lord, have mercy.*

L *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*

G *Lord, have mercy.*

L *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

G *Lord, have mercy.*

L *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

G *Amen.*

Salutation

L The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it”;

and

“Let another take his office.”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this

ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 1

- L** ¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- C** ²**but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**
- L** ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- C** ⁴**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- L** ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- C** ⁶**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his 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 that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- L** Christ has risen from the dead.
- C** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**
- L** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 14:18

- L** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C** **Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 17:11b–19

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

539 Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

(sung to LSB 644)

- 1 Christ is the world’s Redeemer,
The lover of the pure,
The font of heav’nly wisdom,
Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers,
The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living,
Our life when we shall die.
- 2 Christ has our host surrounded
With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph
And fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended
To save a world undone
And, suff’ring for the sinful,
Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness
He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed
He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav’n ascended,
He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne’er departed,
His Father’s and His own.
- △ 4 Glory to God the Father,
The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus,
His sole-begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—
The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer:
Amen! So let it be.

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Sermon - Vicar Pete Duncanson

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Offering "For the Beauty of the Earth" Handbell Choir

786 Lord of All Good

verses 1 and 3

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

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Prayer of the Church

L In Your great mercy, O Lord, You have accomplished all things for our salvation and bore upon Your Son the cost of our redemption. Deliver us from doubt and fear that we may know with courage the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and be made bold to confess this truth before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L In Your mercy You sustained Your church in the time of waiting for the promise of the Spirit to be fulfilled. Sustain us in our wait for the completion of all that Christ began by His death and resurrection that we not grow weary of trusting You nor betray the hope You planted in us in our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Guide Your church, O Lord, that we be united in faith and proclaim with one voice Him whose death, resurrection, and ascension have delivered us from sin and its death. Make us of one mind

and one heart that we serve our neighbor with joy to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Deliver us from war and violence, and bless us with good and honest leaders who will hear the voice of Your Word and act on our behalf that we may live holy, upright, and godly lives in this place. Bless those who protect us here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L In the midst of temptation, make us strong, and in the midst of trials help us endure with patience and conviction the days of trouble. Bless especially those who suffer illness or infirmity, grief, or pain, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Keep Your church and the work of the Kingdom ever before us that we may daily pray to the Father even as our Lord continues to intercede on our behalf. Uplift us in hope that what we pray for we may be willing to work toward, until that day when all our enemies and trials shall end and we shall be united with the saints who went before us, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L All these things and whatever else You know that we need we pray You to grant us for the sake of and in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Announcements

Benediction

L 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 Amen.

701 Draw Us to Thee

- 1 **Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.**

- 2 **Draw us to Thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.**

- 3 **Draw us to Thee;
O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.**

- 4 **Draw us to Thee
That also we
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell
Where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.**

- 5 **Draw us to Thee
Unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us fore'er
Thy glory share,
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.**

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Postlude

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