

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 16-17 2026  
*Holy Communion*

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND (u) PASSING OF PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP "SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spi - rit of\_ the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the pre - sence of\_ the Lord.

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!**

**C Amen.**

**P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.**

***Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.***

**Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.**

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.**

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.**

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

## **GREETING**

- P** May peace be to this house and all who enter here. 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.

## **KYRIE**

**Ref. Kyrie eleison, on our world\_ and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

- 1** For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)
- 4** For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives  
in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (*Refrain*)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray together.
- 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.

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## **ANTHEM**

## LESSON OF THE DAY

**Acts 1:6-14**

### **The lesson begins:**

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**P The Word of the Lord.**

**c Thanks be to God.**

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al - leluia, al - lelu - ia, al - leluia, alle - luia.**

### **GOSPEL**

**John 17:1-11**

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the seventeenth chapter.**

**c Glory to You, O Lord.**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you,

the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## **SERMON**

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### **SERMON RESPONSE "RESTORE IN US, O GOD"**

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

**C 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.**

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**P** O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer

**P** Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer

**P** Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer

**P** Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer

**P** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

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### THE OFFERTORY "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART"

Create in me a clean heart\_, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within\_ me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir-it from\_ me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free\_ Spir-it.  
Create in me a clean heart\_, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within\_ me.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS (**SUNG**)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might\_,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.  
Heaven and earth are full\_, full\_ of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes\_ in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**P Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.**

**On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

**When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

**P On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith**

**C Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**P** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*

**C** Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. A - men.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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**THE COMMUNION** is given and received.

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING HYMN**

## **“'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”**

**1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know thus saith the Lord**

**Ref. Jesus Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more**

**2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood (*Refrain*)**

## **DISMISSAL**

**A Let us go forth in the name of the Lord.**

**C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Words and Music by  
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1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we  
3. His Word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and  
fol - low Him there; O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion- for  
all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

life more a - bun - dant and free! Turn your eyes up - on Je -  
more than con - q'rors we are!  
per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; And the things of earth will grow

strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace.