

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Prelude

Resurrection Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

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.

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

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

Kyrie (ELW #157)

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

**Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

***Now the Feast and Celebration*** (ELW #167)

**Refrain**

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

**1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. *Refrain***

**2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain***

**3 For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. *Refrain***

Prayer of the Day

**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.**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG**

First Reading        **Acts 1: 6-14**

Second Reading     **1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11**

Children's Sermon    Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

Gospel                **John 17: 1-11**

(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon                Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

Hymn of the Day                                ***You are Mine*** (ELW #581 vs. 1-3)

**1 "I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here."**

**2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me."**

***Refrain***

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."**

**3 "I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name."**

**Refrain**

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."**

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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 into hell. 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 the People

P: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our Prayer.**

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

### **GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

### **GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD**

Blessing

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

Sending Song

*In Christ Alone*

**In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All;  
here in the love  
of Christ I stand.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth  
in glorious Day  
Up from the grave  
He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost  
its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine,  
bought with the  
precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death- This is the power  
of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry  
to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell,  
no scheme of man  
can ever pluck  
me from His hand.  
'Till He returns or  
calls me home  
Here in the power  
of Christ I'll stand.**

Sending

**P: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news that Christ has risen!  
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

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