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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

♪ 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!

♪ 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...

♪ 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...

♪ “You see Him now ascended high Up to the portals of the sky.” Alleluia, Alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty.” Alleluia, Alleluia!  
~Alleluia...

♪ 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...

♪ 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...

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## Invocation

This is the day that the LORD has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118:24*

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Confession and Absolution

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.

**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.** *A Time of Silence*

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## **Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 Your 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. Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith** *Please Be Seated*

Milton and Chris Beckendorff

## **Hymn of Praise**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

- ♪ Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- ♪ As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- ♪ Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- ♪ Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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## First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And 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.) <sup>20</sup>“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.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning 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.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

<sup>9</sup>If 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. <sup>10</sup>Whoever 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. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

- ♪ 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!
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

John 17:11–19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While 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. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles’ Creed

## Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

## Handbell Choir

## The Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

- ♪ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

♪ Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: I am with you evermore”?

♪ Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

♪ Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.

♪ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Attending St. Mattress”

1 John 5:9–15

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Be Still, My Soul”

♪ Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

- ♪ Be still, my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- ♪ Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears. Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- ♪ Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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## Postlude