

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after the Ascension

*May 21, 2023
9:15 am*



*An Order for Holy Eucharist
Trinity Church, Swarthmore*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

~ The Easter Acclamation

Welcome! This service follows "An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist" (BCP p. 400), a flexible form which we use to craft worship especially suitable for children and their friends of any age. There is room in our worship for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events. Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

Worship for this season has been adapted from the 1979 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Episcopal resource, Enriching our Worship. Again, welcome!

This service is not livestreamed or recorded.

Liturgy of Word and Prayer

The People Gather

We greet one another informally, then warm up our voices and spirits by practicing one or two of the day's songs.

All standing, the presiding priest or minister then says:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

"O Sing to the Lord"

Brazilian folk melody

1. **Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing him a new song;**
(REPEAT x 2)
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing to the Lord!
2. **Oh sing to the Lord, the maker of all things;**
(REPEAT x 2)
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing to the Lord!
3. **To Jesus sing praise, the Lamb that is worthy;**
(REPEAT x 2)
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing to the Lord!
4. **God pours on the Church the life-giving Spirit;**
(REPEAT x 2)
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing to the Lord!
5. **Oh sing to the Lord: "Amen, Alleluia";**
(REPEAT x 2)
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing to the Lord!

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have lifted up your only Son Jesus Christ in triumph to your heavenly kingdom: Do not leave us alone, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and lift us also to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

The Proclamation

From the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 145:8-14

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

Song

"Alleluia"

Jim Smith

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Homily

Children are invited forward for a children's homily. After the children's message, they are asked to return to their seats.

The Responses

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Prayers of the People

(Form IV, BCP p. 388)

Members of the congregation lead the prayers, as directed

+ Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world...

Lord, in the light of your loving-kindness,
Hear our prayer.

+ Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good...

- + Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory...
- + Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us...
- + Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation
- + We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom...

Prayer Cards are now shown and described to the congregation. The following may be used.

<p>AFTER INTERCESSION</p> <p>God of love hear our prayer.</p>	<p>AFTER THANKSGIVING</p> <p>For all your gifts we give you thanks, O God.</p>
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The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Sharing in Christ's Peace

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

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. Announcements may be offered.

During the following song, bread and wine for Holy Communion and financial gifts for the work of the church are brought to the altar. We encourage families to allow children to put in small coins as a lesson in giving to the church for our shared ministries.

Song of Offering

"All hail the power of Jesus' name"

Hymnal 1982 #450, st. 1-3

**All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!**

**Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine
and crown him Lord of all!**

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All who are drawn to the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive sacramental Communion in the community of Trinity Church. Instructions for receiving Communion follow the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues, concluding...

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

(sung to Land of Rest)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues in praise of God with the intention of the season or day, then bids the congregation proclaim our faith

...and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

(Eucharistic Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship 1)

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider recounts the last supper and invokes the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine, concluding

...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

your will be done

On earth as it is 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.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, announcing

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Presider offers God's gifts to God's people

On Receiving Holy Communion: *To receive, come up the central aisle and extend your hands at full length, palms up. Those who wish may receive the consecrated wine by sipping from the chalice or from the tray of individual servings. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like instead a spoken blessing from the priest, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

**Sing praises, all you peoples,
Sing praises, to the Lord.**

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Sing praises, to the Lord.**

Prayer After Communion

The priest says

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

**Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.**

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope
you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

A blessing may be given. The service concludes with a song and dismissal.

Sending hymn

"How can I keep from singing"

Robert Lowry

My life flows on in end-less song a-bove earth's la-men-ta-tion. I
Whathough my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sa-vior liv-eth. What
5 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a-bove it; And
catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion. No
9 though the dark-ness ga-ther round Songs in the night he giv-eth. Through
day by day this path-way smooths Since first I learned to love it. The
storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since
13 all the tu-mult and the strife I hear the mu-sic ring-ing; It
peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fount-ain ev-er spring-ing! All
Love is Lord of heav'n and earth how can I keep from singing
finds an ech-o in my soul. how can I keep from singing
18 things are mine since I am his! how can I keep from sing-ing?

Let us go forth to share in the spirit of the risen Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All are invited to join the various programs and discussions outlined in the announcements.
Coffee is available at the kitchen window in the Shero Room, through the interior double doors
in the nave (worship space).*

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Serving this morning:

Music

Jim Smith

Verger

Rich Englebach

Chalice-bearers

Shirley Meehan and AnnMarie Stanton

Altar Guild

Rich Englebach, Lance & Mary Donaldson-Evans, AnnMarie Stanton

The Rev. Dr. Edward ("Fr. Ted") Thompson, preaching and presiding

Easter continues... *In the liturgical life of the Church, Easter is not a day but a season, extending through fifty days to the Day of Pentecost. Beyond this, every Sunday is a "mini-Easter".*

Let the good news of Easter shape your life, and you will be blessed. Join us in this spiritual fellowship of Trinity Church, and we will be blessed by the journey with you.

God bless and direct all our efforts and intentions this day and hereafter to the glory of God, through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

~Fr. Ted

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