

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Important Covid Safety Reminders

In acknowledgement of our love and commitment to our faith community, we remind you that face masks must be worn at all times at St. Francis. They must cover your mouth *and* nose. Please also keep a minimum of 6 ft distance from those not in your immediate household, regardless of your own immunization status.

Please also note that we are publicly livestreaming our worship service.

The Word of God

Prelude

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

Please STAND, as able. Please do NOT join in singing.

Diocesan safety requirements currently prohibit congregational singing regardless of covid or vaccination status.

We thank you all for your regard to fellow-worshippers, clergy and staff.

Processional Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn #460, v. 1, 2, 5

Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, his the throne;
Al - le - lu - ia! Not as orph - ans are we left in sor - row now;
Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter his the throne;

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;
Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,
Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;

Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words by William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Tune: Hyfrydol Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Singers:

L. J. Clark, Kirsten Goulde, Suellen Eslinger, Lloyd Mistele, Susie Willigrod, Alyson Witherspoon

We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. The season is marked with white vestments, extra candles, and the presence of the paschal candle near the altar. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.

The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain STANDING, as able, join in saying,

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Acts 1:1-14

1st Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response Psalm 47 *Omnes gentes, laudite*

Reader Let us read together from Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; ***
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; ***
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, ***
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, ***
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, ***
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; ***
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; ***
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; ***
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together ***
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, ***
and he is highly exalted.

Please STAND, as able.

The Holy Gospel John 17:6-19

† Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

People Alleluia.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

Let us join our prayers with those of our Savior Christ, seeking God's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

God our Father, you have exalted your Son Christ Jesus to your right hand, and made him the head over all things for his body the Church: hear us as we pray for the Church throughout the world.

For John, our bishop; Jerry and Jude, our priests; for all clergy and people.

For faithfulness to our mission of loving witness, worship, and discipleship.

Make us and all your people receptive to the gifts God pours upon us, that we may use them to your glory, and the building up of the body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

God our Governor, you have given Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth: hear us as we pray for the world he came to redeem.

For our President, our Governor, and all in authority that they may have wisdom and govern in righteousness.

For those who serve in our Armed and Foreign Services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelman, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

For the peace of Jerusalem.

For deliverance from violence, oppression, and degradation.

Grant that we may know the things that make for peace and may strive for the reconciliation of all people in God's kingdom of justice and love.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

God of Love, whose Son has promised to be with us always, to the end of the age:

hear us as we pray for those among whom we live and work.

For the aged, infirm and isolated; for the widowed and orphaned.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the homeless.

For all prisoners and captives and those who care for them.

For those who do not yet know Christ or have wandered from the Faith.

Grant that we may be so aware of his presence with us, that people may take note of us, that we have been with Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion, whose Son ever lives to make intercession for us:

hear us as we pray for those in any kind of need, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Femi Knight, Sally Hill, Shelby Martyniak, John McCabe, Michael, Mike Mohuchi, Molly,

Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd,

Jennifer Zimmerman, Kenneth and Jean Dicus, and all those we name to you now (*please add your prayers silently or aloud*)...

May he who has borne our infirmities strengthen and heal them, that they may find grace to help in time of need and rejoice in his salvation.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

God of Comfort, whose Son has borne our humanity into the heavenly realms, and gone before us to prepare a place for us: hear us as we remember before you those whose earthly sojourn is over, and whose life is now hidden in Christ with you (*please add your prayers silently or aloud*). . . .

Make us joyful and expectant, that at his coming with all his own we too may go forth to meet him and share in his eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the 50 days of the Easter season.

Please STAND, as able, for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Remember to observe physical distancing.

Please be seated.

Welcome

The Holy Communion

Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave.

Please follow instructions from the Ushers.

Offertory Anthem

Fantasia on "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless,"

by William Byrd, arr. by David Knight

David Knight, organ/strings

Please STAND, as able,

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people join in reading the parts in bold.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.

*The Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text in bold.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

† Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

Celebrant Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion (bread only) will be distributed as you exit the church. Please follow the Ushers' instructions

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer for Transition

All **Lord, Be with us on this journey. Be the guiding light our parish and search committee need as we create our parish profile and begin the search for our new rector. May your love and grace be the lens used in this search. Inspire us and grant us patience and love for one another during this time. Amen**

(By Jake Madrid)

Ascension Sunday Blessing

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and reign with you always



All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, but do NOT join in singing

The Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #494, v. 1, 3, 5 + Descant

Crown him with ma-ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne. Hark! how the heav'n-ly
Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and rose vic - tor-ious
Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown him the King, to
an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for
in the strife for those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on
whom is given, the won-drous name of Love. Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him
thee, and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
high. Who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
fall, crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Words by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) Music DIADEMATA by George Elvey (1816-1893) Hymn #494 Hymnal 1982

Singers:

Carolyn Carpenter, Anna Eakins, Jill Lynch, Suzanne Miller

Pease remain in your seat and wait for the Ushers' instructions in order to leave the church.

Postlude

Plein Jeu a la Couperin

Gordon Young

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Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Jerry Sather