

# Easter 7, May 16, 2021

## Prelude

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

### Song of Praise **Great and Wonderful** (together)

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds  
O Lord God the almighty  
O Sovereign of the nations
- 2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?  
For you alone are holy
- 3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence  
for your just dealings have been revealed
- 4 To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:  
be blessing and honour, glory and might  
for ever and ever. Amen

*Celebrant* May God be with you

*People* And also with you

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

### Collect of the Day (together)

Sanctifying God, your gift to us is one who overcame the system which enslaves and feeds upon the victim: send us to your world to speak the truth of peace, to stand with those who suffer, to show another way; through Jesus Christ, the life of all things.

**Amen.**

### First Lesson Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,

"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, \*  
and they meditate on that law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;
- 6 For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## Second Lesson 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those

who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### **The Gospel John 17:6-19**

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.”

## **The Sermon**

### **Prayers of the People**

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! You are eternal life, stronger than death. Open our eyes to see you as we ask for your merciful grace.

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially.... In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and those who serve on our diocesan governing committees. We joyfully celebrate your resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Imbue your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. For this we pray, ***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all nations of the earth, especially..... God of Creation, you have given us a world of wondrous diversity. Open our eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic weaving. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your reign of peace to all peoples. For this we pray, ***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our nation, so full of divisions. Enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry. Help us to break down the barriers in our communities. Free us to challenge and uproot racism from ourselves, our nation, and our world. And when our eyes do not see the gravity and pervasiveness of racial injustice, shake us from

our slumber and move us to action, O God. We remember George Floyd, David McAtee, Breonna Taylor, Andrew Brown Jr. and the many others who have died.....

and we pray for all who are working to dismantle racism in our country.....For this we pray.....

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our community, especially..... and for those who have birthdays: Jesse Johnson, Haley Wilson, Nancy Gavitt, Stephen Brown and Becky Turmel; and the anniversary of Jennifer Gibson & Andrew Nathan. God, who came to earth as one of us, help us to see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of Servant Jesus, that in him we remain ready to serve one another and those whom you continue to bring into our midst. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who suffer and struggle, especially . . .

God of Compassion open our hearts to bind wounds and heal.

Bless each person who asks for our prayers. Be present, through your people, to all who need your comfort. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died, especially . . . that your will for them may be fulfilled. God who loved us from before our birth and who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. And we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured of that same hope. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray that our risen life include greater care of the creation you have entrusted to us. Help us to be champions for this fragile planet. We remember especially.....

For this we pray.

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

*All:* O God, who created all people in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**The Peace**     *The people stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant:*     The peace of Christ be with you.

*People:*         **And also with you.**

**The Eucharist (*people's responses*)**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*         May God be with you

*People*             And also with you

*Celebrant*         Lift up your hearts

*People*             We lift them up to the Lord

*Celebrant*         Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

**Sanctus**

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.

**Memorial Acclamation**

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

**At the fraction:**        *Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the  
body of Christ.

*Response:* We who are many are one  
body, for we all share in the one bread.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray together.

God 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, Jesus declared your love, gave us grace, and opened a new way of living. 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. AMEN.

## **The Blessing**

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon*        Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of  
the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*All*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

## **Postlude**

**Announcements:** Upon entering or exiting, please put your  
offertory in the plate on the table.

**Donations for the Capital Fund are welcome in May.**



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