

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Memorial Day Sunday

Opening Hymn: # 719 O beautiful for spacious skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - tri - ot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Opening Acclamation:

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Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia

**Collect of the Day: 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.**

### **The First Lesson: 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:* The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.**
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \***  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \***  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \***  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \***  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \***  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \***  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

### **The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.      ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Music**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ***

### **The Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11**

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord      ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ***

## **Brief Reflection**

**The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski**

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Celebrant*      Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***People*      I do.**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in God the Father?

***People*      I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People*      I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People*      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.**

*Celebrant*      Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People*      I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Lord in your mercy.

***People's Response: Hear Our Prayer***

### **Memorial Day Prayer**

**As our nation pauses to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance.**

**Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country.**

**Preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant in our wrongdoing. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray.**

### **The Peace**

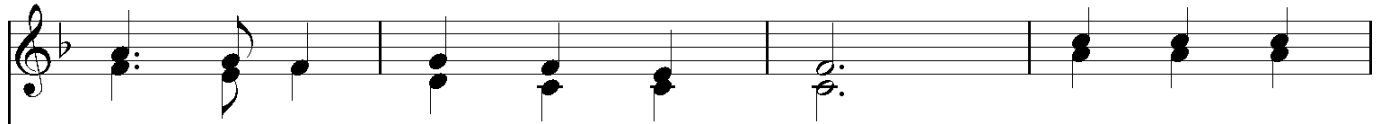
### **The Offertory**

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

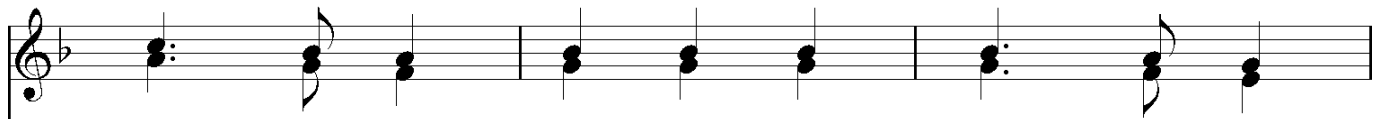
## Offertory Hymn #717 My country, 'tis of thee



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the  
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from  
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of



lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my  
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal  
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our



fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,  
rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,  
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;



from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.  
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*The People may join in saying*

**All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: # 579 Almighty Father, strong to save



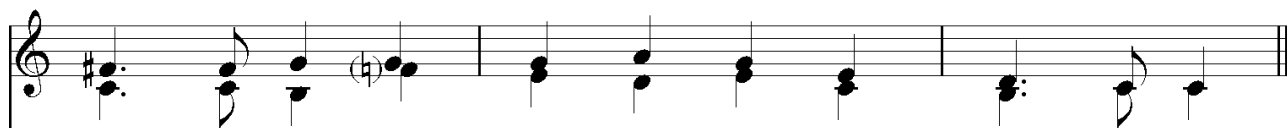
1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -  
firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save  
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.  
rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

Dismissal

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

**St. Peter's Prayer List**

Mary, Joyce leombruno, Cheryl and Bruce, Val and Stephen, Mark and Tina, John and Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, Gary, J and J, Arlene, Judy P., Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John, Gary, Gloria, Mark; Cailin and son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Cathie Litwin; Victoria Fisk; Alice Wentz

We pray for the deceased, remembering especially George Litwin, the brother of Ray Litwin.

We pray for all those far and wide who have died of Covid-19.

**Continuing Prayer List**

Donna Gray; Daryl Cook; Victoria Fisk and family; Kyle Ethan; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Lorraine Nelson; Ella; Liz for healing; Bill S. for healing; Patty Sullivan; Mary; Marcia Brown; Bobbie Marston; Joan Conley; Alex Trebek; Jeanette Wade; Ambrosio Vidal and family; Susan Hicks and family; Jeannette Farren and family; Grace Jensen; Becky, June; Ella & Nelson; James; Rina Bettancourt; Joyce L.; John & Family;