

Web Holy Communion—May 24, 2020
The Seventh Sunday of Easter/Memorial Day

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We will be celebrating Holy Communion today. You are invited to have a small piece of bread and a small glass of wine or grape juice ready. If you won't be receiving the elements today, you will receive a blessing.

Prelude

Invocation

Congregational responses are in bold print.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the spiritual presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The pastor announces God's forgiveness.

Gathering Hymn

"Before You, Lord We Bow"

ELW #893 verses 1, 2, 4

- 1. Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!**
- 2. May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green, shine forth in wisdom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grateful song.**
- 4. And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev'ry land from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band, a countless throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king salvation's song!**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word**First Reading**

Acts 1:6-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Children's Time****Sermon**

"Marching On"

Gospel: John 17:1-11**Hymn of the Day**

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

ELW #890 verses 1, 3

- 1. Mine Eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.**

*Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Halleluiah!
His truth is marching on.*

- 3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on.**

Refrain

Creed

We continue with a creed for Easter.

We believe in God—

Who works in the hidden stillness of every dawn;

Who beckons us to visit the tomb of our fears so we

Might discover the birth of hope;

Who sends fragrant flowers, good friends and bright

Angels with messages of joy and possibility.

We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ—

Who meets us on the path of life;

Who greets us with respect, names and calms our fears, and bids us walk and talk as children of the Light;
Who is always going with us, providing the power of New life in all our situations.

We believe in the Holy Spirit—
Who gathers us into a community of love;
Who nudges our prayers and prompts our praise;
Who is guiding us to life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Peace
 The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Meal

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God,
 Lord God, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have accomplished for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, you have fed us with heaven's perfect food, the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

ELW #888

1. **O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**
2. **O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life: America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**
3. **O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.