

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus

Resurrection Reality

We Will Overcome This Broken World

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Order of Service for SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Common Service

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

717 – What Is the World to Me



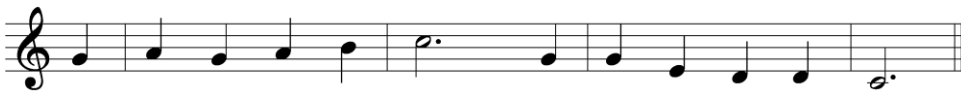
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men.

CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father,

I confess that I am by nature sinful

and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.

For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

But I am truly sorry for my sins,

and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:

Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

777 – As Morning Dawns, Dear Savior



1 As morn - ing dawns, dear Sav - ior, my praise and thanks I
bring for your rich grace and fa - vor; with
songs of joy I sing. Though seat - ed on your
throne, you still are ev - er near me, with prom - is -
es to cheer me, your love for me made known.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-9,7:2a, 51-60

Simply for proclaiming Christ, the Sanhedrin wanted to kill Stephen. Christ used their murderous intent to enable Stephen to overcome this broken world.

ACTS 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ...

^{7:2}To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! ...

^{7:51}“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵²Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

⁵⁴When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 124



1 If God had not been on our side and had not
3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat that they could



come to aid us, our foes with all their pow'r and
not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, for we, his
net; they could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear the dev - il's wolves, both far and
bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, who rise in might a - gainst us.
he who made the earth and heav - ens.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

St. John explains that everyone born of God overcomes the world.

¹JOHN 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL READING

John 17:11b-19

Jesus, our great high priest, prays that his Father would sanctify us and enable us to overcome the world.

¹⁰JOHN 17:11b Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

The Gospel of the Lord.



✠ The Confession of Faith ✠

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

446 – Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence
 5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
 hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,
 I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern
 be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the
 shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
 grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven
 that from death I shall a - wak - en with my
 God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
 death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.
 flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.



✠ Sermon ✠

Acts 7:59, 60

Jesus Blesses His Enemies

Sermon notes:

Stand

✠ Praise and Prayers ✠

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
- On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
- Scan the QR code to the right...



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

We praise you, Lord, for protecting your people of all times and places. Even in persecution and trouble, your people overcome the world through faith in you. Our help is in the name of the Lord, **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

As Stephen boldly proclaimed your plan for Israel, centered in Jesus Christ, so give all your people boldness to give witness to your truth to others, and open the hearts of those who hear it. Our help is in the name of the Lord, **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Our Father in heaven, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its name, you describe your tender comfort as being like a mother's comfort. We give you thanks for providing love and care through our mothers. Give Christian mothers strength and wisdom from your Word, that they may glorify you in all they do and be a blessing to their children. Our help is in the name of the Lord, **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

When Stephen suffered, you gave him strength and hope with a vision of your glory. Strengthen and encourage those who are sad, suffering or struggling with health of mind or body, [*especially...*] Give us all the full measure of your joy within us. Our help is in the name of the Lord, **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We give you thanks, God and Father, for delivering us from the power of darkness and bringing us into the kingdom of your Son. Grant that as he has recalled us to life by his death, he may raise us up in his love to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

892 – By All Your Saints Still Striving



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 All praise, O Lord, for Ste - phen, who, mar - tyred, saw you stand
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed.
to help in time of tor - ment, to plead at God's right hand.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
Like you, our suf - f'ring Sav - ior, his en - e - mies he blessed;
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
with "Lord, re - ceive my spir - it," his faith, in death, con - fessed.
as - cribe all pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Stand

SENDING PRAYER

Almighty God, we praise you for the gracious rule of your Son. Let his kingdom come to us and all people so that the whole earth may know his saving help and be filled with your glory. through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



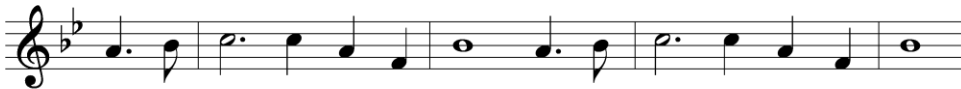
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CLOSING HYMN

839 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.