

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus

**Risen to Relate: The Patron and the Protected.
Jesus Still Works on our Behalf.**



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OPENING HYMN

221 – Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you, Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing, Hear the cry your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us,
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es,
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1–3; *Gelstreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1–3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

INVOCATION

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



Congregation A - - men.

M 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.

C 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*)

Musical notation for the 'LORD HAVE MERCY' section. It consists of two treble clef staves with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. The lyrics are written below the notes.

ABSOLUTION

M 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.

Musical notation for the Absolution part. It consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line. Below the staff, the text reads: C: A - - men.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,'. The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The third staff begins with 'I' and contains 'Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose'. The fourth staff continues with 'blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.' and ends with a 'Refrain' label. Dashed lines connect the notes for 'I' and 'blood' across the staves.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major (no sharps or flats). The notes are C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. Below the staff is the text 'C: And al - so with you.'

M 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.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major (no sharps or flats). The notes are C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. Below the staff is the text 'C: A - men.'

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:15-26

The disciples prepare for witnessing to the world by casting a God-directed lot to replace Judas.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus-- ¹⁷ he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.”

¹⁸ (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰ “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms,

“ ‘May his place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in it,’

and,

“ ‘May another take his place of leadership.’

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

PSALM

Psalm 8

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You have set your glory above the | heavens.

When I consider your | heavens,*
the work of your | fingers,

what is man that you are mind | ful of him,*
the Son of Man that you | care for him?

Refrain

You made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You made him ruler over the works | of your hands;*
you put everything un | der his feet.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain



SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:13-21

Our ministry of love is spurred by the love God first revealed to us.

¹ JOHN 4:13 We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Choir

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL John 17:11b-19

In preparation for a time when he would no longer be physically present, the Great High Priest prays for his disciples.

¹ JOHN 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. ¹² While 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. ¹⁴ I 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. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSIO OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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.**



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
 2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way,
 Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
 Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
 Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!
 touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

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 Tune: SCANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

SERMON

John 17:11b-19

“I’ll Pray for You”

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: 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.



FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Blessed Lord, though Your Son ascended to You and departed from this earth, keep us, we pray, ever mindful that He will come again to judge the living and the dead. During this time of waiting for His return, preserve us from all falsehood and immorality and, by Your Spirit, comfort us with Your ongoing care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, in the pages of Holy Scripture, You reveal Your salvation. Guide our efforts at proclaiming Your Word. Thwart the plans of all who desire to prevent the growth of Your Kingdom. Bring to joyful fruition the Gospel seeds planted by missionaries, pastors, teachers and all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with favor, O God, upon all our mothers. Make our joy full, that we may learn to love and care for one another as we have known through those faithful women who have shown to us a mother's love and kindness. Make our homes places of blessing and love where Jesus Christ is known and cherished. Lord, in Your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, You earnestly desire the spiritual unity of Your Christian Church. Keep us firm in the truth of Your Word. Make our church body, its congregations and its members bold confessors of the true faith. Strengthen us against the temptation to be conformed to the spirit of the times. And keep us faithful in proclaiming the joy of Your salvation to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

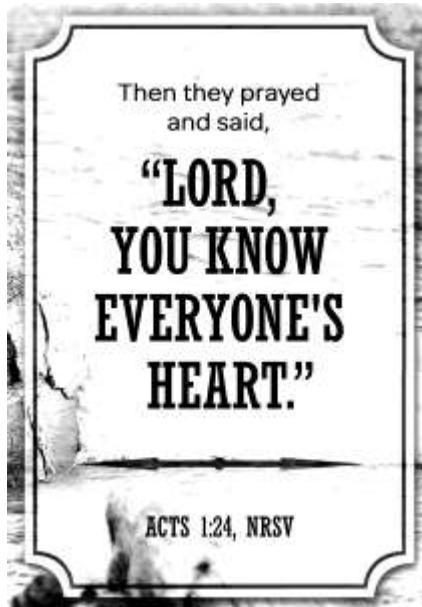
Heavenly Father, through Your servant John, You give us a glimpse into life everlasting. With John's testimony, comfort those who suffer, those undergoing medical treatments and those homebound [*especially _____*]. Bring to their minds the assurance that even in their current afflictions, they can continue to look forward with eager joy to the place where no lamp or sun is needed, for the Lord God will be their everlasting light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, Your Son promises that He is the resurrection and the life, and that whoever believes in Him will live eternally. Deal graciously with those who mourn the death of loved ones [*especially _____*]. Lead them to take refuge in Your Son's promises, that they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.





1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



lice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800-80.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M 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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

322 – On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
 2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
 3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you

stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
 pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
 here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
 what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
 yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
 ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., adapt., alt.
 Tune: DARWALL'S 148111 (66 66 88) John Darwall, 1731–89.

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



God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and **God** in him.

1 John 4:16

As you
SENT ME
into the world,



so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.



John 17:18, ESV