

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE I | MAY 24, 2020 | SERVICE TIME 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please stand)* (Page 151)

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P** Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake Forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore Forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *“What is the World to Me”* [LSB: 730]

1.

What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
LORD Jesus, are my Treasure!
You only, Dearest LORD,
My soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!

2.

The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!

3.

The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher Good,
Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my Wealth.
What is the world to me!

4.

What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth,
My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All,
My Bliss Eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ (Page 152)

- P** In peace let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.
- P** For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.
- P** For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast of Victory”* (Page 155)

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,
 Whose Blood set us free to be People of God.
 This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.
 This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
 Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
 This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia.
 This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY (Page 156)

P The LORD be with you.
C And also with you.

P O King of Glory, LORD of hosts, uplifted in Triumph far above all Heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of Truth Whom You Promised from the Father; for You Live ☩ and Reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
C Amen. (Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

“Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ ‘Brothers, the Scripture had to be Fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ ¹⁸ (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ ‘For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ‘Let another take his office.’ ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the LORD Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His Resurrection.’ ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, ‘You, LORD, Who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have Chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.”

P This is the Word of the LORD. **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

R Christ has Risen | from the dead.*
 [God the Father] has Crowned Him with Glory and | Honor,
 He has given Him Dominion over the Works | of His hands; *
 He has put all things un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:5-11

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His Glory is Revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the Name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that Name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the Household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God? ¹⁸ And ‘If the Righteous is scarcely Saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?’ ¹⁹ Therefore let those who

suffer according to God’s Will entrust their souls to a Faithful Creator while doing good ... ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the Mighty Hand of God so that at the proper time He may Exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on Him, because He Cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your Faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all Grace, Who has called you to His Eternal Glory in Christ, will Himself Restore, Confirm, Strengthen, and Establish you. ¹¹ To Him be the Dominion Forever and ever. Amen.”

P This is the Word of the LORD. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Page 156)

C Alleluia, LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *John 17:1-11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

“When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; Glorify Your Son that the Son may Glorify You, ² since You have given Him Authority over all flesh, to give Eternal Life to all Whom You have given Him. ³ And this is Eternal Life, that they know You the only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent. ⁴ I Glorified You on earth, having accomplished the Work that You gave Me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, Glorify Me in Your Own Presence with the Glory that I had with You before the world existed. ⁶ I have manifested Your Name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept

Your Word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. ⁸ For I have given them the Words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in Truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You Sent Me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am Glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your Name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are One.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” [LSB: 525]

1.
Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His Throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all Eternity.

2.
Crown Him the virgin’s Son,
The God Incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the Mystic Rose,
Yet of that Rose the Stem,
The root whence Mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3.
Crown Him the LORD of Love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty Glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes
At Mysteries so bright.

4.
Crown Him the LORD of Life,
Who Triumphed o’er the grave
And Rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His Glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died Eternal Life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5.
Crown Him the LORD of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to Whom is giv’n The Wondrous Name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is King of all.

SERMON: “*I Will Not Leave You*”

APOSTLES’ CREED *(Please stand as we confess our faith)* (Page 159)

L We confess our Christian Faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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 Φ Everlasting. Amen. *(Please remain standing)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Your Son has Revealed You to us as a Merciful LORD. ...
After each portion of prayers: **P** LORD, in Your Mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
The prayers conclude:

P ... Jesus Christ, our LORD, through Whom, with Whom and in Whom, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all Honor and Glory is Yours, Almighty Father, both now and Forevermore.
C Amen. (Please be seated)

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
PLEASE DROP YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE OFFERING PLATES
LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP !!!

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE (Sung) [LSB: pg. 160]

P The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. Psalm 136
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE [LSB: pg. 160]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

SANCTUS ≈ Holy, Holy, Holy [LSB: pg. 161]

C Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest. Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: pg. 162]
Matthew 6:9-13

P LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and Teach us to pray:
C 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 Forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 162]
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P "Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed ... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI ≈ The Peace of the LORD [LSB: pg. 163]
John 20:19

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always. **C** (Sung) Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ Lamb of God [LSB: pg. 163]
John 1:29

C (Sung) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "If God Himself Be for Me" [LSB: 724]

1.
If God Himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my Head and Master,
Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from His Love?

2.
I build on this Foundation,
That Jesus and His Blood
Alone are my Salvation,
My True, Eternal Good.
Without Him all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The Gifts I have from Jesus
Alone have Priceless Worth.

3.
Christ Jesus is my Splendor,
My Sun, my Light, alone;
Were He not my Defender
Before God's Judgment Throne,
I never should find favor
And Mercy in His sight,
But be destroyed Forever
As darkness by the Light.

4.
He canceled my offenses,
Delivered me from death;
He is the LORD Who Cleanses
My soul from sin through Faith.
In Him I can be Cheerful,
Courageous on my Way;
In Him I am not fearful
Of God's Great Judgment Day.

5.
For no one can condemn me
Or set my Hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me:
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
No guilt destroys my Peace;
For Christ, my Savior, Loves me
And Shields me with His Grace.

6.
Who clings with resolution
To Him Whom satan hates
Must look for persecution;
For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses
Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses
Will be his daily bread.

7.
From me this is not hidden,
Yet I am not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden,
To Whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken
And ev'rything I own,
I Trust in You unshaken
And cleave to You alone.

8.
No danger, thirst, or hunger,
No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger
Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
My Fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder
Shall sever You from me.

9.
No angel and no gladness,
No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness,
No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance,
No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your Guidance
Nor from You separate.

10.
My heart with joy is springing;
I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing;
Your Sunshine makes me glad.
The Sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The Heav'n I shall Inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "O Love, How Deep" [LSB: 544]

1.
O Love, how Deep, how Broad, how High,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2.
He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

3.
For us Baptized, for us He bore
His Holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

4.
For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His Daily Works He wrought,
By Words and Signs and Actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

5.
For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful Cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6.
For us He Rose from death again;
For us He went on High to Reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To Guide, to Strengthen, and to Cheer.

7. ▲
All Glory to our LORD and God For Love so deep, so High, so Broad;
The Trinity Whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 164]

P The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting.

Depart ☩ in Peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE [LSB: pg. 165]

Luke 2:29-32

C (Sung) Thank the LORD and sing His praise, tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His Name. He recalls His Promises and leads His People forth in Joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 166]

P O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness, Who in Loving-Kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His Sake You have given us Pardon and Peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to Rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, ☩ our LORD, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.

C (Sung) Amen.

BENEDICTION (Page 166)

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be Gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you Peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" [LSB: 821]

1.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the Scepter, His the Throne;
Alleluia! His the Triumph,
His the Victory alone.
Hark! The songs of Peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has Redeemed us by His Blood."

2.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His Promise:
"I Am with you evermore"?

3.

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the Crystal Sea.

4.

Alleluia! King Eternal,
LORD Omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your Throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our Great High Priest,
Here on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

5.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the Scepter, His the Throne;
Alleluia! His the Triumph, His the Victory alone.
Hark! The songs of Peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has Redeemed us by His Blood."

POSTLUDE