

Divine Service - Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

Opening Hymn: 905 ss. 1-4

1 Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
our pray'r attend;

Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success:
And let Thy righteousness on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:

Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore.

Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Call to Confession

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

The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we
poor sinners confess to you that we are by
nature sinful and unclean and that we have
sinned against you by thought, word, and deed;
therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless
mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the
sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your
only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on
us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all
our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us
true knowledge of you and of your will and true
obedience to your Word, to the end that by
your grace we may come to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

PASTOR: 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.

CONG..... Amen.

The Introit of the Day

PS 27:7, 1a, 4-5, 10, 14

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!
The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?
One thing have I asked of the LORD,
 that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
 and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
 in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will lift me high upon a rock.
For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the LORD will take me in.
Wait for the LORD;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the LORD!

Gloria Patri

CONG: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

CONG: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

CONG: Glory be to God on high; and on earth
peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship
Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for
Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father

Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most
high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

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. Amen.

The First Reading: ACTS 1:12-26

12 Then they 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 acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 1

9 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.

Gradual: Adapt. from MATT. 28:7; HEB. 2:7; PS 8:6

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 under his feet.

The Epistle: I JOHN 5:9-15

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Verse: ROM. 6:9; JOHN 14:18

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: ST. JOHN 17:11b-19

11b Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that

you keep them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Choir: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" 467 ss. 1-7

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,

See what today is done;

Now, after gloom and sadness,

Comes forth the glorious sun.

My Savior there was laid

Where our bed must be made

When to the realms of light

Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted

When Christ lay in the tomb;

But lo, he now is routed,

His boast is turned to gloom.

For Christ again is free;

In glorious victory

He who is strong to save

Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens--

What peace it doth impart!

Now nothing ever saddens

The joy within my heart.

No gloom shall ever shake,

No foe shall ever take

The hope which God's own Son

In love for me hath won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,

Of all their pow'r are shorn;

Now I am safe from evil,

And sin I laugh to scorn.

Grim death with all his might

Cannot my soul affright;

It is a pow'rless form,

Howe'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,

Its fury I disdain;

Though bitter war it wages,

Its work is all in vain.

My heart from care is free,

No trouble troubles me.

Misfortune now is play,

And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever

To Christ, my Savior true;

My Lord will leave me never,

Whate'er He passes through.

He rends death's iron chain;

He breaks through sin and pain;

He shatters hell's dark thrall;

I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal

That leads to bliss untold,

Whereon this rhyme immortal

Is found in script of gold:

"Who there My cross has shared

Finds here a crown prepared;

Who there with Me has died

Shall here be glorified."

The Nicene Creed (We Confess Together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon Hymn: 644 ss. 1-5

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her
oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How
long?"

And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Sermon: "Jesus Prays for Our Sanctification!" JOHN 17:11b-19

The Offertory:

CONG: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew
a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take
not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 537 ss. 1-4

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of
Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my
Joy, my Crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in
flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit
sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling
stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in

the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

The Benediction

PASTOR: 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.

CONG: Amen.

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