

## Easter 7A – May 24, 2020

*(Announcements)*

**Opening Hymn:** “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (CP 247)

1. **Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia! To his throne above the skies; alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia! Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**
2. **There for him high triumph waits; alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia! He hath conquered death and sin; alleluia! Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**

### **Easter Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Sung Gloria:** “Glory to God on High” (CP 365)

1. **Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.  
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed  
in glory bright.**
2. **Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy Lord. Beside the Father’s hand enthroned,  
now hear our prayer.**
3. **You only are the Lord. You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one  
in glorious light.**

### **Children’s Focus**

**Song: “Hallelujah”  
Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelu. Halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

### **The Collect**

Risen, ascended Christ,  
**fill your church on earth with compassion, so that all may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

Acts 1:6-14 (*Carmen Lake*)

## **The Psalm:** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (*Sharmila Lakhani*)

Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered;

**let those who hate you flee.**

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;

**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish  
at your presence.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you;

**let them also be merry and joyful.**

Let us sing to God, sing praises to the divine name;

**let us exalt the One who rides upon the heavens;**

Yahweh is the divine name,

**before whom we shall rejoice!**

Protector of orphans, defender of widows,

**the One who dwells in holiness,**

who gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;

**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

O God, when you went forth before your people,

**when you marched through the wilderness,**

the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at your presence,

O God of Sinai,

**at your presence, O God of Israel.**

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;

**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

Your people found their home in it;

**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

Sing to God, O dominions of the earth;

**Sing praises to the Lord.**

You ride in the heavens, the ancient heavens, O God;

**sending forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God;

**whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.**

How wonderful is God in the divine sanctuary!

**The God of Israel gives strength and power to this people!**

**Blessed be God!**

Glory to God, **Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (*Kathy Duncan*)

**Gradual Hymn:** “I Come With Joy” (CP 60)

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.
5. Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

**The Holy Gospel** (*Bob McGall*)

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*John 17:1-11*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Roberta Fraser

*~ A minute of silence for reflection & prayer ~*

**The Nicene Creed:**

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** (*Donna Bishop*)

**The Peace**

The peace of God be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*(mics will be unmuted so we can greet one another with a blessing of peace)*

## The Offering

God sees all things! God sees our comings and our goings, our strengths and our weaknesses, our needs and our desires. God sees in us the potential we do not yet see in ourselves. I invite you to share your gifts out of the abundance that is God's vision for us!

## Offertory Hymn: "O Worship the King" (CP 380)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
**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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Glory to God  
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" (CP 430)

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**The Dismissal** (*Bob McGall*)

Remember the Good News that we have received  
and proclaimed this day.

**We will remember the truth we proclaim with joy!**

Christ died for our sins. But the story doesn't end in death.

**Christ was raised on the third day!**

We are witnesses to this Good News, and God commands  
that we do not keep this news to ourselves!

**We will testify to everyone that Christ is Lord!**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia**