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LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

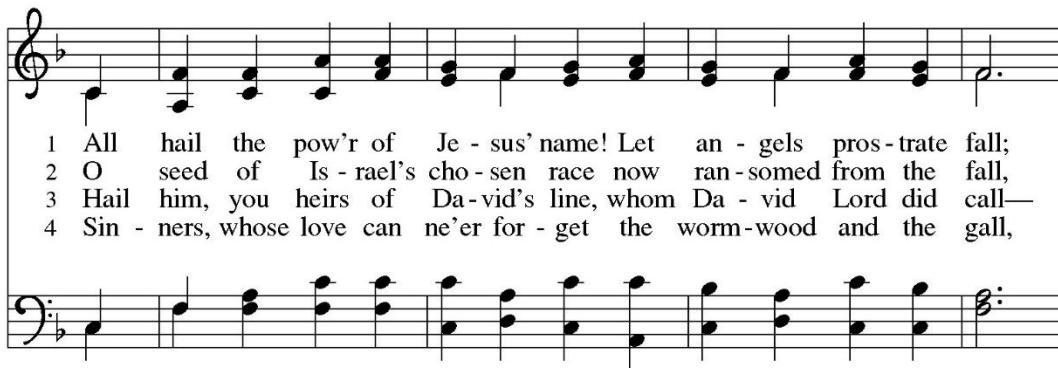
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# GATHERING

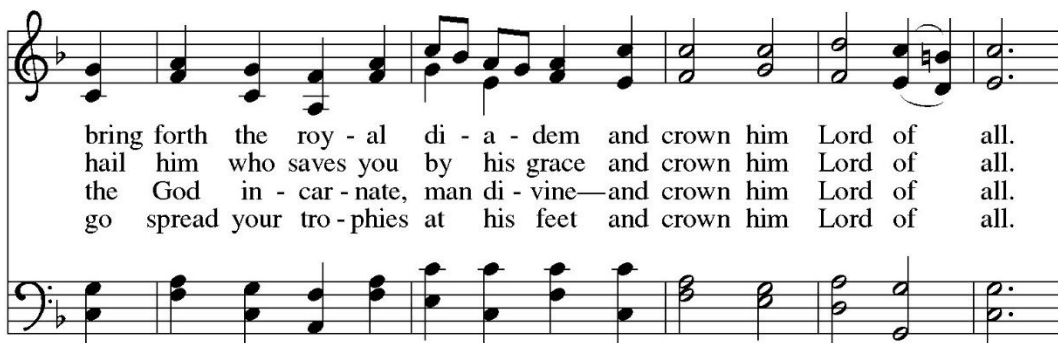
## PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

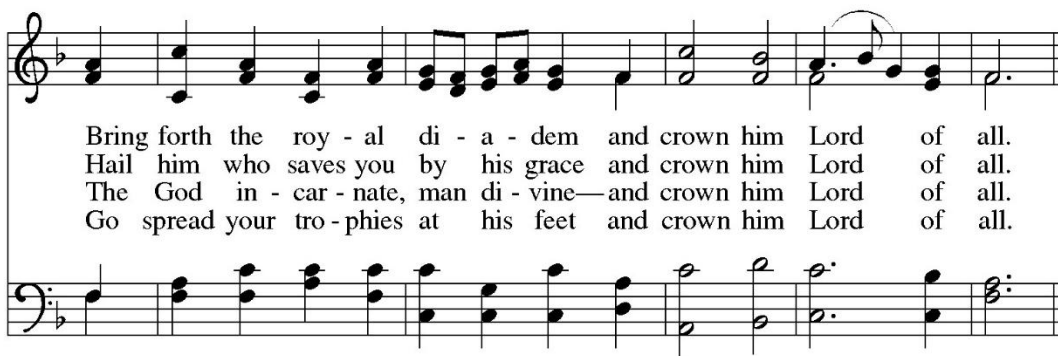
## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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## **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.  
Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.  
We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.  
We thank you for the waters that nourish us  
Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

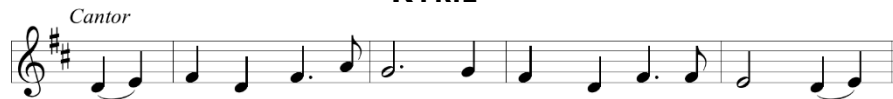
**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

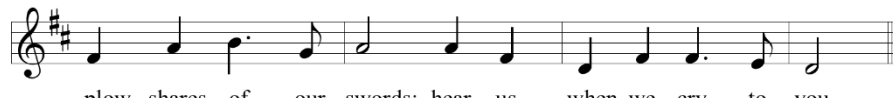
**C: Amen.**

## KYRIE

*Cantor*



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



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



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



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



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



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

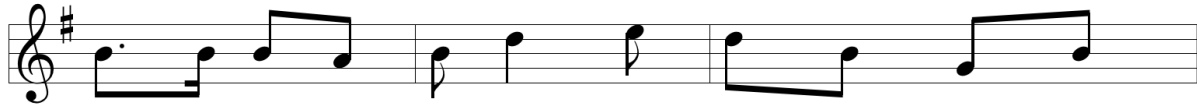


mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

## Glory



1 A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts  
2 In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,  
3 Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy, and peace, sing  
4 We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,  
5 To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,



God's love is come to  
Yet ten - der - ly God  
glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! God's own good will grants  
We bow be - fore you  
The Lamb of God, e -



seek the lost.  
hears our cry.  
sin's re - lease. Give glo - ry to God in the high - est!  
as we sing.  
ter - nal Word.

### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also, with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### Choir Anthem

## WORD

### **First Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GRADUAL HYMN



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

## **\*GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 17th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of  
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for  
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en

got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -  
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels  
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -

lend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -  
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -  
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -  
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,

liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.  
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Text: George H. Bourne, 1840-1925  
 Music: BRÿN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814-1893

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator 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 to the dead; on the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer**

A: Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick, especially Rosemary Rizzo, Tony Rizzo, Erin Jankowski, Dee Marinov, John Veihdeffer, Diane Busdiecker, Sarah Burke, Maureen Dolata, and all those we name in our hearts. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, and new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: **Amen**

## PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also, with you.**

P: Let us share God's peace with each other now.

## MEAL

### OFFERING AND SETTING THE TABLE

#### \*OFFERTORY ANTHEM



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,  
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*THE PROPER PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Verses: Cantor or choir*

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
 2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
 3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
 flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
 oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
 flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
 shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

*Refrain: Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's  
 glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

## Words of Institution

**P:** When we last met, we remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us.

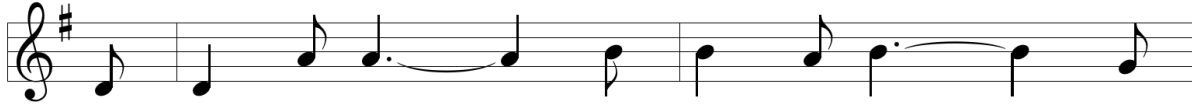
**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

### COMMUNION MUSIC



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to  
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to



save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -  
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from



on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.  
Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958  
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# SENDING

## **\*PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

P: And now may this, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace forever.

**C: Amen.**

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn  
(See next page)**

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

## SENDING HYMN

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WE PRAY FOR...

ROSEMARY RIZZO  
TONY RIZZO  
ERIN JANKOWSKI  
DEE MARINOV  
MARYANN AND CHIP  
ORLANDO  
JOHN VEIDEFFER  
SARAH BURKE  
MAUREEN DOLATA

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MAYA CHAKRABORTY  
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REED AND MARSHALL WHITE- COUSINS OF NANCY STOEHR  
KEVIN MACIVER- SECOND COUSIN OF ANNETTE BERG  
WANDA ZYGMUNTOWICZ- FRIEND OF JOE SOMMA  
DAN GRAUPMAN- COUSIN OF SUE GIBBONS  
RONNI BLUM- COUSIN OF KATHY HABERMEHL

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on May 24 to discuss The Measure by Nikki Erlick  
A luminous, spirit-lifting work of speculative fiction that asks: would you  
choose to know the length of your life?

Discussion Leader: Peg Clukey | Hostess: Ellen Pachioli



## Kevin Guest House

We are collecting breakfast items for Kevin Guest House through June 7<sup>th</sup>.  
The donation barrel is in the foyer next to the Wash Me Clean box.  
The item list will be sent in the newsletter.

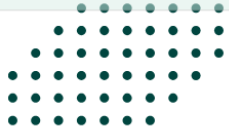


## Altar Flowers

Sign up spots for altar flowers are open through the summer. If you  
would like to purchase them, the forms are on the table outside the  
sanctuary, and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the  
office. They are \$40.

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### **KYRIE**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie*  
*Music: African American spiritual*  
*Tune Name: My Father, How Long*

### **GLORIA**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Gloria*  
*Music: Appalachian traditional*  
*Tune Name: The Devil's Nine Questions*

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

*Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007*  
*Music: Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952*  
*Tune Name: Abiding Presence*

### **OFFERATORY HYMN**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer*  
*Music: Appalachian traditional*  
*Tune Name: Barb'ry Allen*

### **SANCTUS**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on Isaiah 6 and  
the Sanctus*  
*Music: Appalachian traditional*  
*Tune Name: Shady Grove*

### **AGNUS DEI**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei*  
*Music: Appalachian traditional*  
*Tune Name: The Suffolk Miracle*

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## Overhearing Jesus

At the ascension we, like the disciples in today's reading in Acts, are left looking at the sky. But in the High Priestly Prayer (John 17), Jesus brings us back to earth. In the prayer he speaks not only from the perspective of the risen and ascended one, but as the Word of God, now made flesh. The prayer anticipates the accomplishments of this Word, which does not return empty (Isa. 55:11), namely in the fulfillment of the "hour" of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It is as if Jesus has already ascended "to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17), and has returned to tell us something vital.

As we overhear Jesus, we learn that God's character and motive are identical to those of Jesus, who has now, fully and completely, "made God's name known." We no longer have to speculate about the nature of God. God's purposes and love are made known in Jesus. But we also learn about ourselves. Jesus' prayer frequently mentions the "world"—the world at once hostile to God and God's anointed, and yet also beloved of God (John 3:16). With Jesus' commissioning today we have our work to do, to make God known in and through Christ Jesus. The Living One works through us as "words within the world," who no longer seek meaning among the dead, but are empowered to make known the vibrant, new reality of Easter.

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