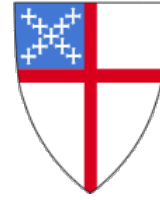


# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020



Prelude: Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

Opening Hymn #224 - Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 High - est heaven its Lord re - ceives; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 There we shall with you re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne be - yond the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates. Al - le - lu - ia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves. Al - le - lu - ia!  
his a - ton - ing death he pleads, Al - le - lu - ia!  
part - ners of your end - less reign, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
He has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!  
near him - self pre - pares our place, Al - le - lu - ia!  
see you with un - cloud - ed view, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
take the King of glo - ry in. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still he calls us all his own. Al - le - lu - ia!  
he the first - fruits of our race. Al - le - lu - ia!  
find our heaven of heavens in you. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, and Thomas  
Cotterill, 1820, alt.  
Tune: Robert Williams, 1817



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## **The Opening Sentences**

In the name of Christ we welcome you;  
Grace, mercy and peace be with you all. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**And also with you.**

Loving Lord, fill us with your life-giving, joy-giving, peace-giving presence,  
**That we may praise you now with our lips and all the day long with our lives, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

**Steph Williams**

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

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.

### **Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

**Diane Krumanaker**

#### ***Exsurgat Deus***

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## **The Epistle**

**Diane Krumanaker**

### **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.

## **The Sequence 717 – My Country ‘Tis of Thee**

1. My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty,  
of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from every mountainside  
let freedom ring.

2. My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills  
like that above.

3. Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake,  
let all that breathe partake,  
let rocks their silence break,  
the sound prolong.

4. Our fathers' God, to thee,  
author of liberty,  
to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might,  
great God, our King.

### **The Gospel**

### **John 17:1-11 – The Rev. Jason Oden**

Jesus 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.”

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Nancy Turner Jones**

### **Hymn 579 – Almighty Father, Strong to Save**

1. Almighty Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain  
o'er which our traffic runs amain  
by mountain pass or valley low;  
wherever, Lord, thy people go,  
protect them by thy guarding hand  
from every peril on the land.

3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent to  
spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by thy might  
save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
and keep them by thy watchful care  
from every peril in the air.

4. O Trinity of love and power,  
our people shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad praise from space, air, land and sea.

## **Prayers of The People**

**Jill Cole**

*The congregation is invited to stand in celebration of the resurrection!*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, remembering: our enemies and any who wish us harm; the leaders of all nations and our elected officials; those serving in the armed forces and their families, and all others known to us, and all nations which suffer war, civil strife or genocide.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and

grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for military men and women, both from the past and present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all. May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at high cost. Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For those who have already lost loved ones to the virus and those who will yet suffer such loss, that they may know the consolation of your Love

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Concluding Collect: Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace*

## **The Offertory: America the Beautiful**

**Joshua Goines**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**The Rev. Jason Oden**

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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **The Suffrages (Morning Prayer)**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

**Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;**

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the need, O lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, o God;

**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit**

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

### **Closing Hymn – 718 – God of our Fathers**

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay,  
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907)

Music: *National Hymn*, George William Warren (1828-1902)

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Postlude: Battle Hymn of the Republic, Wilhousky