

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 16, 2021

11:00 AM

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Holy Communion

Prelude

“This is the Day of New Beginnings”

C. Young



Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand as you are able

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen

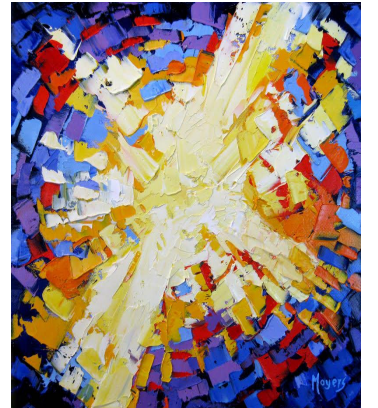
C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

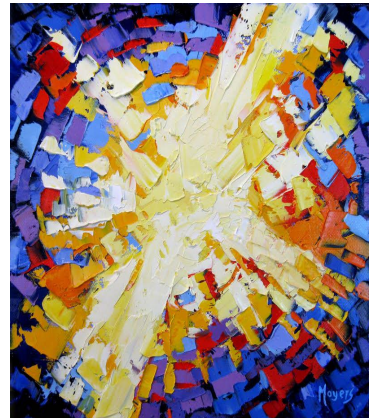
C: Amen



Greeting

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.**



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,
Gracious and glorious God, you have
chosen us as your own, and by the
powerful name of Christ you protect us
from evil.



Prayer of the Day

By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen



Anthem

“A Scottish Blessing”

David Blackwell

Chancel Choir



Chancel Choir:

Be a light before to lead me;

Be a guiding star above;

Jesu, may I always know thee,

May I always know thy love.



Anthem

*Be a light before to lead me;
Be a guiding star above;
Jesu, may I always know thee,
may I always know thy love.*



Anthem

*There is no bird that soars the mountain,
There is no deer upon the hill,
There is no creature of the forest,
But shall sing thy praises still.*



Anthem

*Be a kindly shepherd for me,
Keep me safe thru' all my days;
Jesu, may I always know thee,
May I always sing thy praise.*



Anthem

*There is no life that swims the ocean;
There is no creature of the sea;
There is no fish within the river,
But proclaims its praise for thee.*



Anthem

*As the day falls into evening,
As the night is lit with stars,
At the ending of life's journey
may thy heav'nly peace be ours.*



Anthem

*Let ev'ry creature in God's kingdom,
Let ev'ry life upon the shore
Sing praise to God, the world's creator,
Sing praises now and ever more.*



Word: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A Reading from Acts the First Chapter



L: ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,



¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus —
¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."



²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."



²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart.



Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

(Acts 1:15-17, 21-26)



L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Please stand as you are able for the reading of the gospel.

P: A Reading from St. John the Seventeenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord



P: ⁶I 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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;



⁸for 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. ⁹I 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.



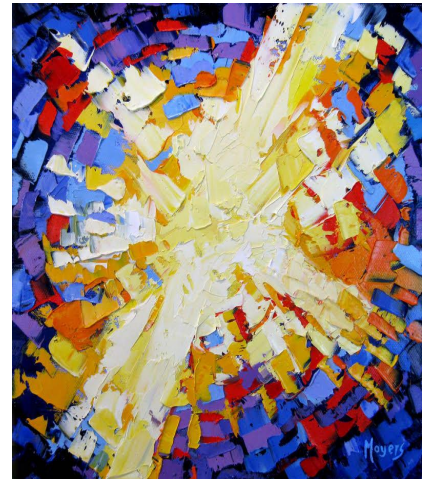
¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.



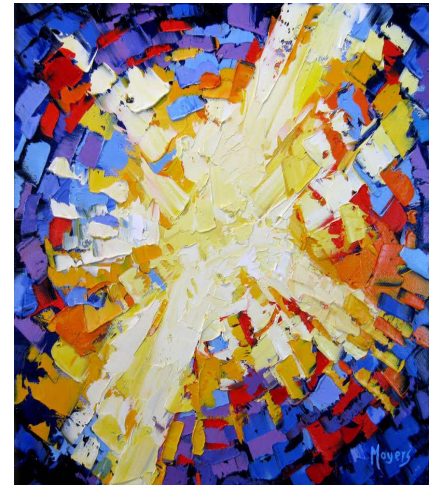
¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.



¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.



¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.



¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

(John 17:6-19)



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.



CHILDREN'S SERMON



SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman



Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able

“Christ, Our Peace”

Sing Twice



Christ, Our Peace



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence for reflection

Prayers of Intercession

P: Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need. Accompany those struggling with the effects of COVID-19. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. We pray especially for....

Prayers of Intercession

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P: Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints.

Prayers of Intercession

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you
always.

C: And also with you.



OFFERTORY

“I Want to Walk as a Child in the Light”

K. Thomerson

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or you may give online.*

We will not be passing the plate.

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Offertory Prayer

Please stand as you are able

P: God of love,

You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.



Offertory Prayer

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



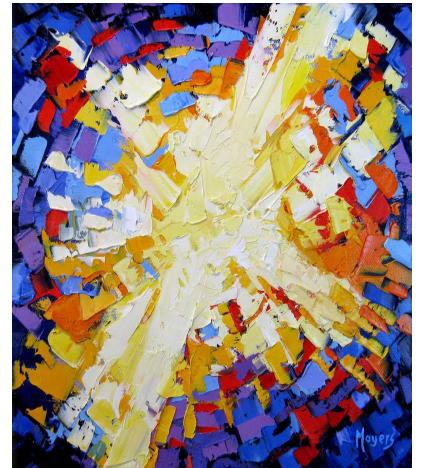
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord



The Great Thanksgiving

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

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



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, 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.



Words of Institution

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.



Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer

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.



The Lord's Prayer

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



Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

(Please let the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.)



Communion Music

“A Parent’s Heart”

D. Foster



Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen



Prayer after Communion

P: Wellspring of joy,
Through this meal you have put gladness
in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still
around us, and send us as joyful
witnesses, that your love may bring joy to
the hearts of all people, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



Blessing

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen



Sending Hymn

“Earth and All Stars”

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Earth and all stars!

Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain!

Loud blowing snowstorm!

Sing to the Lord a new song!



**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**



**Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**



Engines and steel!

Loud pounding hammers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Limestone and beams!

Loud building workers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!



**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**



**Classrooms and labs!
Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**



**Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

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Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!

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



Postlude

“Hymn to Joy” L. van Beethoven



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