

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship
Sunday, May 24, 2020 – Seventh Sunday of Easter
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Prelude - Come Now, O Prince of Peace

setting by Jacqueline Nappi

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn - Son of God, Eternal Savior

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We gather in the name of the Father ☩ and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice¹ before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who¹ rides the clouds;**

"I AM" is that name, rejoice¹ before God! Refrain

⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners¹ into freedom;**

but the rebels shall live in¹ desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched¹ through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the¹ God of Sinai,**

at the presence of God, the¹ God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful¹ rain, O God; you restored your inheritance¹ when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their¹ home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision¹ for the poor. Refrain**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms¹ of the earth; sing praises¹ to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the¹ ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your¹ mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power¹ to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is¹ in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O¹ God of Israel,**

giving strength and power to your people!¹ Blessed be God! Refrain

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

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And 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.

¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"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. 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.”

Sermon

The Rev. Ali Tranvik

Hymn of the Day - Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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NICENE CREED

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
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 INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Living God, you chose us to be your witnesses in the world. We pray for the church in every place and the congregations in our community. Focus our hearts and minds on the ministry we share in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, all creation sings praise to you. You delight in the oceans, and the mountains are your throne. Teach us humility and respect for our home. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you rule the heavens, the earth, and time itself. Make this a time of justice, peace, and solidarity among all nations and peoples, so that oppression and violence rule no more. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Tender God, we wait with hope for your presence to heal us, bless us, restore us, and give us peace. You know all the names of those suffering for whom we pray this day, especially *Audrey, Barbara, Jan, Johanna, Tony, Sonja, Charlie, JoAnn, Leon, Judy, Janet, Carol, Jim, Joyce, Barbara, Ida, Debbie, Larry, Blanche, Leslie, Jim, Kaaren, Leigh*, and all those we name now in our hearts or on our lips. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gentle God, you guide us as we seek wisdom. We pray for teachers, professors, theologians, day care workers, and all those charged with teaching the young and old. Give them endurance and persistence in their valuable work. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Infinite God, your inheritance given to all your saints is your presence in our life and in our death. We remember with thanksgiving the faithful departed, especially Moe Johnson, Uncle of Betty Hinshaw. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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:

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of powe'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth,

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us,

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Come to the banquet for all is ready.

Communion will be available in the church parking lot Sunday, from 10 to 11 am.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR. WE WILL COME TO YOU AND DELIVER A WAFER AND WINE OR GRAPE JUICE. IT WILL BE SERVED TO YOU IN A FOAM BOWL. PLEASE TAKE THE ELEMENTS AND DISTRIBUTE AMONG THOSE IN YOUR VEHICLE AND THEN DISPOSE OF THE CUPS AND BOWL WHEN YOU GET HOME.

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word,
and our hearts burn within us.
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Farewell and Godspeed for Pastor Ali Tranvik.

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn - Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Postlude - Give Me Jesus

setting by Marques L. A. Garrett, b. 1984

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Foreman Family.

Prayer of the Church (Members): Audrey Pearson, Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Johanna Nikitscher, Tony Perrotte, Sonja and Charlie Bock, JoAnn and Leon Bowman, Judy Schlegel, Janet Ravert, Carol and Jim Sackett, Joyce Veazey, Barbara Anderson, Ida Elliott, Debbie Fullbright, Larry Jenkins, Blanche Bragg, Leslie Johnson, Jim Klausman, Kaaren Johanson, Leigh Stock

Our sympathy to the family of Moe Johnson (uncle of Betty Hinshaw), who died on Monday, May 18, 2020. He had just turned 90.

Prayer List Changes – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time** - drop a note in the offering plate, email staff, or call the office.

Prayer of the Church (Friends): Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Byron Franzen (brother of David Franzen), Laura and Mike Smith (sister and her husband by Carol Sackett), Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), JoAnn Sackett (daughter-in-law of Carol and Jim Sackett), Kate Genaitis, Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Tom and Mary Jakubus (friend of Deb Tabert), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Tristan and Hailey Hunter (relatives of Deb Tabert), Cary Grant (friend of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Lydia Taylor (cousin of Bee Ellertson), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Bob and Ellie DeVries, Lenore Carnes (aunt of Pat Casper), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Al Deardorff (cousin-in-law of Marlene Coulter), LeRoy Farmer (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Gary Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Michele and Matthew [mother and baby] (relatives of Pat Casper), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Ron Blackwell (cousin of Pat Casper), Lenore Carnes (aunt of Pat Casper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Rose (friend of Deb Tabert), Brady Laubert (grandson of Pam and Steve Taylor)

COVID-19 Task Force

As North Carolina begins to reopen, the congregation council has created a COVID-19 Task Force to make recommendations about worship and other in-person activities at St. Paul's. It will be chaired by Linda Foreman with Pastor Anderson, Tina Bessias, Joan Albright, Dean Redman, Janet Seiz, and Sean Slane serving on it. The first meeting will take place next week.

Because our congregation and staff skew toward high risk categories, we will not be among the early wave of churches and businesses to reopen. We certainly want to do so as soon as safely possible, however. The task force will keep up with guidance from the ELCA and the NC synod as well as state and local orders. We will update the congregation regularly. Please feel free to share questions, requests, opinions, etc. through the council email address: council@stpaulsdurham.org .

In the meantime, we are still the church, and there is much we can still do! Remember to look for the link to each week's worship service in Saturday email messages--or just keep an eye on our Vimeo page (<https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham>). Consider coming to drive-through communion on Sundays from 10:00-11:00. And check on people you know in the congregation. Perhaps it's time to make some more calls to people you haven't crossed paths with since March!

Thank you for your continuing financial support. Our finance team encourages you to consider giving online. You can make a one-time or recurring contribution by visiting this page on the church website: <http://www.stpaulsdurham.org/giving-online.html>. Or you can use the mail to send in a voided bank check with the amount of contribution and frequency. Our Financial Secretaries, Phil Hart and Rod Runestad will be glad to answer questions or guide you through this process. Contact Phil at psbhart@gmail.com; phone 817.692.9487. Contact Rod at rodrunestad@gmail.com; phone 203.912.3024.

Finally, remember to vote in the congregational meeting this Sunday! You will receive a message with details on Sunday morning.

Pour a cup of tea or coffee and join the Pastor and Vicar for Coffee Hour on Mondays on Zoom from 10-11. We are looking forward to seeing you, chatting, and catching up. Here is the info:

Topic: Coffee Hour with the Pastor and Vicar

Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753

Password: 292680

Scott Anderson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study on Thursday mornings.

Topic: **Bible Study - Acts** – You may download the lessons ahead of time by going to the home page of our website (stpaulsdurham.org)

Time: 10:30 am on Thursdays

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/946532621?pwd=UTJqYjV0V3laMmpROStMdGRvTGhUT09>

Meeting ID: 946 532 621

Password: 402561

Farewell to Pastor Ali and Isak

While the pandemic has made saying farewell to Pastor Ali and Isak in person impossible, we are planning a way to wish them God-speed in a safe and socially distanced manner. We will have a Farewell Drive-Through in the St. Paul's parking lot on **Friday, May 29 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. As we drive through we can wish them God-speed and pass on farewell cards. Decorating cars is optional.

Just as with drive-through communion, please enter on W. Cornwallis Road and exit on Pickett Road. Volunteers will be there to direct traffic

Thank you for helping us create this farewell memory.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Grace Lutheran Church (Durham) is seeking a part-time office assistant (20 hours/week). Duties include preparation of worship bulletins and weekly and monthly newsletters. Experience in developing websites and social media required. For more information: <https://www.gracelutheranchurch.net/employment-at-grace> or email lmadmin@gracelutheranchurch.net .