

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

Prelude Just a Closer Walk With Thee James Denton  
Sweet Hour of Prayer by Greg Seneca, Hour of Worship by Roger C. Wilson

**Processional All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! H450**

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
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- 2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!  
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*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. 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.

**People Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. S280**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks,**  
**we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**  
**have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**  
**receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One,**  
**you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**  
**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**

## The First Lesson Acts 1: 6-14

Lay reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles...

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... The Word of the Lord...

**All Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 68: 1-6, 33-36**

- 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..**
- 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 Second Lesson 1 Peter 4: 12-14**

Lay reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter...

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... The Word of the Lord...

**People Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!  
 Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.  
 Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!  
 By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:  
 by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.  
 All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:  
 opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.
- 3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide;  
 all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.  
 There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;  
 ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

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

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

### Gospel John 17: 1-11

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

### The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He had 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Leader Arise, O Lord, in your strength.  
**People We will praise you for your glory!**
- Leader Let us pray with joy to Christ at the right hand of God, saying:  
**People You are the king of glory!**
- Leader O Christ, you have raised the weakness of our flesh. Heal us from our sins, and restore to us the full dignity of life.  
**People You are the king of glory!**
- Leader O Christ, may our faith lead us to the Father as we follow the road you trod.  
**People You are the king of glory!**
- Leader O Christ, you have promised to draw all people to yourself; empower your Church for the work of ministry. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, Gary and Debra our clergy, and for guidance in calling a new Vicar.  
**People You are the king of glory!**
- Leader O Christ, you bring peace to the world and hope to the nations. We pray especially for the United Nations, for the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all elected and appointed leaders.  
**People You are the king of glory!**
- Leader O Christ, you heal the sick and comfort those in distress. Heal the hurting, soothe the suffering and bring joy to those in despair.  
**People You are the king of glory!**
- Leader O Christ, you are true God, and you will be our judge. We pray for those who have died in the faith of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone.  
**People You are the king of glory!**
- Leader O King of glory who ascended triumphantly into the heavens, do not abandon us, but send us the promised one, the Spirit of truth.  
**People Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever.**
- Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins  
**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**People Amen.**
- Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All And also with you.**
- Congregational Song Let There Be Peace on Earth** (*text is on the inside of the hymnal back cover*)

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

*Please sit, stand or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer.*

*Offertory Sentence*

*Offertory Anthem*

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Wine*

*Jeremy Young*

**People**      **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye, Heavenly host;  
Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*BCP 361*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.

**People**      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**      **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is a right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All**

**Sanctus**

**S127**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**People** **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.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup of wine offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both.*

Communion Music

Christians to the Paschal Victim

Charles Callahan

*Celebrant* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**Communicant** **Amen.**

Deacon The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
**Communicant** **Amen.**

### CLOSING PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
**People** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

**H460**

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.  
3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.  
4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!  
**Dismissal Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Song of Triumph

James Denton



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**Family & Friends Prayer List**

Piccinini Family for healing and strength  
 Claudia Danker for strength and healing  
 Margaret Leirmoe for strength  
 Beverly Sinclair for healing  
 Carol Fielding for healing and strength  
 Bob Black for healing  
 Paula Erwin-Yoder for health and healing  
*The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.*

**Ongoing List**

Robo Brumder  
 Becky Thomas  
 Debra Loder's friend Nancy  
 Hartley Bennett  
 Maureen Freed  
 Sandy Schlegel, Betty Hanson  
 Paul and Linda Campbell  
 All first responders  
 All Healthcare workers  
 All funeral directors and staff



**Military Prayer List**

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

<b>U.S. Air Force</b>	Colby	Harlan
	KayLee	Thomas
<b>U.S. Army</b>	Andrew	
<b>U.S. Navy</b>	Caleb	Landon
	McKenzie	
<b>U.S. Marines</b>	Tyler	

*Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;*

<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi</b>
Acolyte	Allison Nicolosi
Altar Guild	Caroline Markham
Lector	Sally Carr
Usher	John Carr
Bishop's Committee	Sam/Caroline

<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi</b>
Acolyte	Allison Nicolosi
Altar Guild	Patti Glinski
Lector	Dave Loder
Usher	Diane Foster
Bishop's Committee	Patti/Bob



**Announcements**

Coffee Hour - ECW

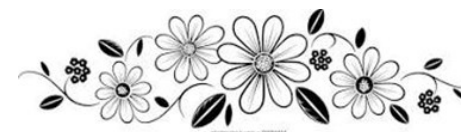
Upcoming:  
 5/21 Parish Nurse  
 5/28 SALT Project luncheon  
 5/29 Memorial Day-Office closed  
 6/04 Birthday Celebration  
 6/11 BCM Meeting  
 6/13 ECW Meeting  
 6/18 Father's Day

Reminding everyone that *Adult Forum* at 9:00 will be studying Fr. Gary's book *Strength in Adversity*. All men and women are invited

Note: May BCM meeting is cancelled. Business will be conducted electronically

Project SALT Food for May 28: Peanut Butter and Jelly

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8-12 am  
 Deacon Debra Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-5



**The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall**

*Bishop*

**The Rev. Debra Loder**

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