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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS THE PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

Amen.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** #322
Oh Love, How Deep

* **THE EASTER GREETING**

P: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

C: Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

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.

* **THE HYMN OF PRAISE:** pg. 149

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

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

Amen.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ 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.” ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;**

as the wax melts before 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 God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

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

⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

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

⁸ **the earth quaked, 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 bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

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

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

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

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

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5: 6-11

¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to

devour. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** tune # 380

C: Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Christ is risen from the grave! He who died this comfort gives: Lo, he lives, his own to save! Hallelujah! Praises be to our Lord eternally!

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O risen Lord!

* **THE GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

¹ After 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, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So 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. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ 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: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ,

THE GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY : #392
Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

* THE 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.

* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

- * **THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards** #184
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

* THE OFFERING PRAYER

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.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 152

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.

* THE 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 Lord, pg. 153
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 THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

* **THE 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.

* **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

THE LAMB OF GOD pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Our communion distribution today will be continuous starting with the lectern side. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Take a cup from the tray. The Pastor will offer the bread (gluten free wafers are available, just ask for one). Then proceed to the communion assistant who will have the chalice. Grape juice is in the center section of the communion trays.

* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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,
Amen.

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

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.
Amen.

* **THE SENDING SONG**

#369

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace, Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Serving Today: May 17, 2026

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Usher: Bonnie Mazza & Steve Anderson

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Sound Board: Bonnie Mazza

Serving Next Week: May 24, 2026

Communion Assistant: Laura Poethke

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Steve Anderson

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Sound Board: Laura Poethke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session every Sunday at 9:00am. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Sunday Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship takes place normally on the 4th Sunday each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another.

HOW CAN I HELP: If you are looking to get more involved, or maybe just help the church out with a special need or repair, please see the sign in the back of the Narthex or on the bulletin board downstairs. Every little bit helps to sustain our church and the mission of spreading the good news of our Lord and Savior.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
Tuesday: 7:00pm: Church Council
Wednesday 5:00-7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00- 10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10am: Worship Pentecost
Wear Red for Pentecost

IF YOU ENJOY BASEBALL

NEW JERSEY SYNOD YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION TEAM: Somerset Patriots vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies, Saturday, June 13 @7:05pm. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each. With each purchased ticket, you will also receive a \$10 food and beverage gift card. For more information see Laura Poethke after worship.

TRENTON THUNDER FAITH AND FAMILY GAME: Saturday, July 25 @ 6pm We have once again ordered 20 tickets for Holy Trinity to be a part of this special event. We only have 6 left. More can be ordered if needed. The tickets are \$8.00 each. If you would like to reserve tickets please see Bonnie or call the office. Tickets must be paid for when you reserve them.

