



## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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10:00AM

### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Introduction

*It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.*

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRELUDE

#### \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

\* Please stand as you are able

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

\* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** # 855  
*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

\* **THE 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.**

\* **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: Let us pray:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 97** (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's  
throne.**
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before the LORD,  
burning up enemies on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> **Lightning's light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**
- <sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in  
false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- <sup>8</sup> **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> **You who love the LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from  
the hand of the wicked.**
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the honest of heart.
- <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

**THE SECOND LESSON : Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

- <sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. 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 St. John.

**\* C: Glory to you, O risen Lord!**

**\* THE GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world <sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOOD NEWS 101**

**THE SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**# 655**

*Son of God Eternal Savior*

**\* 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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Hear us, O God  
**Your mercy is great.**

#### \* THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always,  
C: **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

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

#### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung) page 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:

#### \* THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) page 153

**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 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 grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**THE LAMB OF GOD** (sung) 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**

**\* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
Amen.

**THE SENDING**

**\* THE BLESSING**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with  
resurrection dawn, now and always.  
Amen.

**\* THE SENDING SONG:** # 650  
*In Christ There is No East or West*

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today: June 1, 2025**

**Communion Assistant:** Nicole Rodig

**Acolyte:** Baylee Rodig

**Lector:** Lynn Haab

**Ushers:** Lynn Haab & Bonnie Mazza

**Musician:** Danny Allen

**Sound Board:** Bonnie Mazza

**Serving Next Week: June 8, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Allyson Schmalz

**Lectors:** Judy Bariexca

**Ushers:** Steve Anderson & Bonnie Mazza

**Musicians:** Danny Allen

**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.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:** We have completed our building repairs to meet the new state guidelines. So far to date we have received donations in the amount of \$1,725 toward our goal of \$5,000, to cover the expenses of these upgrades and repairs. Thank you everyone for your generosity. We will be working to raise the balance of this money throughout the summer. If you have any ideas for fundraising please see one of our council members, or if you would like to make a donation there is a basket located underneath the donation chart in the Narthex.



## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**Today:** 9:00AM Sunday School  
10:00AM Worship

**Wednesday:** 11:00AM Worship & Music Meeting  
5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety

**Friday:** 7:00—10:00PM AA

**Next Sunday:** 9:00AM Sunday School  
10:00AM Worship

