



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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10:00am

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Introduction

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

* Please stand as you are able.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian Official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and Resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* **#392**

* **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 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. 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.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 1 (read responsively)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the
wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

THE SECOND LESSON : 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung) (Tune to hymn 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 the 17th chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O risen Lord!**

* **THE GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

[Jesus prayed:] 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. 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE 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**

Rejoicing that Jesus and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and those in need of good news.

God of Grace
Hear our prayer

* **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.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Risen Christ, Living Word, you are the bread of life that nourishes
and sustains us. By the power of your Word, dwell in our hearts and
reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ: in our vulnerable
flesh, through our baptism into your death and resurrection, and in
service to the world you love. Be for us manna in the wilderness.
Open us to recognize you in every meal and in all who hunger for
bread, for human touch, and for healing and hope. We pray in your
name, our healer and companion.
Amen.

*** 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 SENDING

*** THE BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

*** THE SENDING SONG:**

#855

Crown Him With Many Crowns

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: May 12, 2024

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Ferol Howell

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: May 19, 2024

Communion Assistant: Laura Poethke

Acolyte: TBD

Lectors: Judy Bariexca

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Ferol Howell

Musician: David Charris

Sound System: Laura Poethke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST IS RISEN! Our Lord and Savior lives! May your presence here today bring you peace, comfort, and hope.

EASTER, being the greatest festival of the Church, is celebrated for a week of weeks – seven weeks! Throughout these “Great Fifty Days” we continue to celebrate the Resurrection in a special way, and we begin to see how it affects all parts of our lives. We are witnesses of the Resurrection, and our lives show forth the Lord’s victory.

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 Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship takes place normally on the 4th Sunday of each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available on our website holyltrinityelc.org. If you are a graduating HS Senior, college or trade school student please make sure to get your applications in by Sunday May 19th.

WORSHIP & PICNIC AT THE PARK : Sunday, June 9th, 9am - Noon, Green Acres Park, 851 Old York Rd., Burlington. Our annual worship and picnic will be here before we know it. Beginning at 9am our Sunday school classes will have a special lesson and outdoor activity. Worship will begin at 10am and our church picnic will follow immediately after. We ask that families bring chairs, drinks for their family, and a side dish to share. Hoagies and chips will be provided by the church.

We hope to see everyone there!!



HOLY TRINITY “REMIND”: Holy Trinity has a cell phone remind system in place to help notify our members about important church related updates. If you do not have your cell phone in our system and want to be added please see Bonnie Mazza after worship. All phone numbers remain private and will not be shared with any other members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE for the remainder of the school year: May 12, May 19, June 2 (Youth Choir), and June 9 (Youth Choir in the Park). Classes will NOT meet on May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend).

TREASURER/FINANCE PERSON After many years of service to our church, Hank Bariexca will be stepping down as financial secretary at the end of 2024. If you have any background in bookkeeping/finance and would be interested in finding out more about helping with this important ministry, please see Hank after worship for more details. Hank would like to work along side with our new volunteer throughout the rest of 2024 to help make the transition run smoothly.

HANDY PERSON NEEDED: The church council is looking for someone to serve as our church handy person to help us with small jobs around our building. These repairs again are small and can be arranged to meet your schedule. A donation for your time will be added to your annual giving statement. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please reach out to Bonnie Mazza.



HOLY TRINITY IS HITTING A MILESTONE THIS

YEAR!!! On November 17, 2024 we celebrate 70 years as a church family. A special worship service is being planned. Bishop Tracie Bartholomew will be joining us that day along with some of our favorite musicians and choir members. After worship the celebration will continue in our fellowship hall with a catered luncheon. We are working on a video of pictures, stories, and songs that have been a part of our 70 years. We need your help in contacting former members and staff to invite them back to join us.

Please mark your calendars!! You will not want to miss this.

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.

FOOD PANTRY: Your donations to our food pantry have allowed us to help many in need. If you would like to be involved in the food pantry ministry, we will be meeting right after worship on May 19. We need volunteers! Please join us and see how you can help.

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. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Next Sunday, May 19th, is Pentecost, please remember to wear red.

