

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:30<sub>AM</sub>

All are warmly invited to participate in worship in whatever way is safest and best for them - at home or in person. Masks are optional for outdoor services. We hope you will find a place on the lawn that suits your distancing preferences. Please check with your neighbor before sitting down close to them. Do not hesitate to reach out to the clergy or our Regathering Committee Chair, Dr. Erica Brotschi with any questions regarding our guidelines.

Please be aware that this service will be live-streamed. Both audio and video will be recorded. If you prefer not to be on video, please sit in the area immediately behind the camera.

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**Gathering Music** 

Welcome

LITURGY OF WORD



# **Opening Acclamation**

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Presider Let us pray.

All 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.

# **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

#### THE READINGS

The First Reading Acts 16:16-24

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, 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. 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." 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.

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. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them

securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 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. 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. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 97

Please join in praying the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \* let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him, \* righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him \* and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; \* the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \* at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, \* and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*
Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \* because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \* you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, \* and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \* and give thanks to his holy Name.

## **Second Reading**

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

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.

"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."

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.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Hymn** Clap Your Hands

J. Owen Atrium Singers and Congregation

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you people! Shout unto God with a voice of triumph! Clap your hands, all you people! Shout unto God with a voice of praise!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Shout unto God with a voice of triumph! Praise Him! Praise, Him! Shout unto God with a voice of praise!

<sup>2</sup>Clap your hands, all you people! Christ has arisen into heaven! Clap your hands, all you people! Christ has arisen with shouts of joy!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ has arisen into heaven Praise Him! Praise Him! Christ has arisen with shouts of joy! (repeat verse 1)

Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 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. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 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. 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.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Ginger Solaqua

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:
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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 the People**

A Prayer Book for New Zealand

Leader Holy God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your

Christ. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for all the people of God.

God, enliven the Church for its mission

People that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Leader Breathe fresh life into your people.

People Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Leader We pray for the world: for those whose countries are torn by strife; for

those who experience discrimination and hate. Creator of all, lead us and

every people into ways of justice and peace.

People That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Leader We pray for the community: for this congregation and for the mission

partners that we serve. Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings aloud

or silently.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those who decisions affect the lives

of others.

People that all may act with integrity and courage.

Leader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Leader We pray for those who are sick or in need, especially for (Parish Prayer List).

Please add your own prayers aloud or silently. God of hope, comfort and

restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

People May they know the power of your healing love.

Leader Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

Leader We remember those who have died and those who mourn them, especially

(Parish Prayer List). Please add your own prayers aloud or silently. We

remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and

those whose faith is known to you alone.

People God, into your hands we commend them.

Leader Give comfort to those who mourn.

People Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Leader We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

People May their example inspire and encourage us.

Leader Let us pray together the Collect for the Parish.

**People** Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus

teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are

welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through

Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

# **Offertory Sentence**

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have.

With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Your financial offering can be put in the plate or shared online <u>here</u>.

# Musical Offering We know that Christ is raised

BH 296

During the music, representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings of bread, wine, and financial gifts to the presider.

# **Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship

All young people are invited to come forward to surround the table as we pray over the bread and wine. You might wish to ask your child to wear a mask or stand at a distance from other households depending on your family's risk level.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

People and Presider say together

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

# **Breaking of the Bread**

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

#### Communion

All who desire to share in Communion are encouraged to do so. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you step forward.

If you are not able to take Communion, we invite you to say this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present here before me in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You with my body, come into my heart. You are here; I embrace You and unite myself to You; don't ever let me be separated from You. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Easter Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, give you joy to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity, One God, be upon you now and remain with you forever. **Amen.** 

#### **Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn** Let there be peace on earth

**UMH 431** 

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

#### Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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