



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**MAY 21, 2023**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PRELUDE AND PREPARATION**

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Merciful God, we come to Your table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant mercy. Grant us so to eat and drink the body and blood of Your dear Son, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen.***

**CHILDREN**

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

**INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

## COMMEMORATION

**John Eliot, missionary to the American Indians, 1690** - *John Eliot was born in England, and his first career was as a schoolteacher. In 1631 he came to New England to preach to the Puritan settlers. In New England he developed an interest in the Algonkian Indians and learned their language and customs. He published a catechism in 1654 and in 1658 translated the scriptures into Algonquian, preparing the first complete Bible printed in the colonies. Eliot also established towns for Indians who had converted to Christianity. These towns were away from Puritan colonies and were established so that the Algonkians could preserve their own culture and live according to their own laws. Eliot also trained indigenous leaders to serve as missionaries to their own people.*

## WELCOME AND MEDITATION

### GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

*"The Church's One Foundation" (ELW # 654 - favorite)*



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

## **INVOCATION** ( = *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**C: AMEN.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God Who calls us to repentance.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: God of life, **C: in raising Jesus from the tomb, You make everything new. We confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Our hearts are slow to believe Your promises. We shut our doors in fear. We resist the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life You have given us in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

P: People of God: Christ is alive. Sin and death have lost their power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

## **GREETING** (*Please rise.*)

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.**

## **WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME**

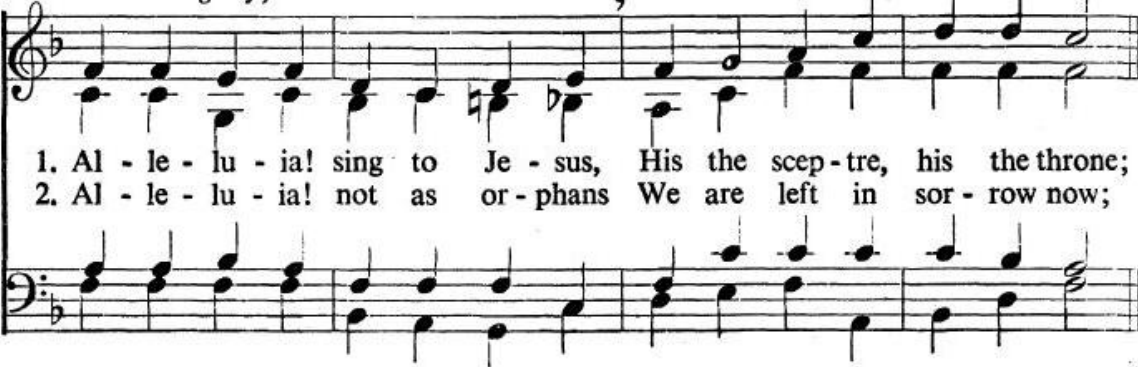
*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*" (SBH # 417)

ALLELUIA. 87, 87. D.  
*With dignity, in moderate time*

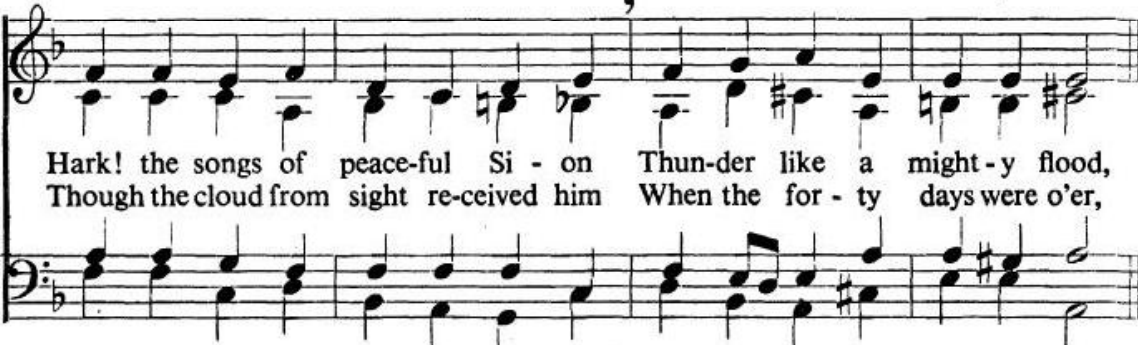
SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY, 1810-76



1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus, His the scep - tre, his the throne;  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans We are left in sor - row now;



Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Si - on Thun - der like a might - y flood,  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er,



'Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion Hath re - deemed us by his Blood.'  
Shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, 'I am with you ev - er - more'? A - men.

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food and 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! sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.'

Amen.

*William Chatterton Dix, 1837-98*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:      **C: O God of glory, Your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to Your right hand. He is with You in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to His promise, He is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

*(congregation reads indented)*

May God arise, may His enemies be scattered;

**may His foes flee before Him.**

As smoke is blown away by the wind, may You blow them away;

**as wax melts before the fire,**

**may the wicked perish before God.**

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

**may they be happy and joyful.**

Sing to God, sing praise to His name,

**extol Him Who rides on the clouds—**

His name is the LORD—

**and rejoice before Him.**

A father to the fatherless,

**a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.**

God sets the lonely in families,

He leads forth the prisoners with singing;

**but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

When You went out before Your people, O God,

**when You marched through the wasteland,**

the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,

before God, the One of Sinai,

**before God, the God of Israel.**



You gave abundant showers, O God;

**You refreshed Your weary inheritance**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,

**sing praise to the Lord,**

to Him Who rides the ancient skies above,

**Who thunders with mighty voice.**

Proclaim the power of God,

**Whose majesty is over Israel,**

Whose power is in the skies.

**You are awesome, O God, in Your sanctuary;**

the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people.

**Praise be to God!**

## **GLORIA PATRI** *(Music: Henry W. Greatorex)*

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria Patri. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men."

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

*(Please sit.)*

**FIRST READING** ....Acts 1:1-14.....Pg.1690

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** .... 1 Peter 4:12-5:14.....Pg. 1891

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*“The Head That Once Was Crowned”* verse 1-2  
*(ELW # 432 - Text: Thomas Kelly; Tune: Jeremiah Clarke)*

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,  
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** .... John 17:1-11.....Pg. 1679

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verses 3-4*

**SERMON** *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

*“Living for His Eternal Glory”*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
(Romans 15:13)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Please rise.)*

*“Lord, Be Glorified”* (Maj # 538 - favorite - Bob Kilpatrick)

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;  
 2 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

## SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part II. The Creed*:

L: What is The Second Article of the Creed: On Redemption?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ is truly God, born of the Father in eternity and also truly man, born of the Virgin Mary. He is my Lord! He redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, bought and won me from all sins, death and the authority of the Devil. It did not cost**



**Him gold or silver, but His holy, precious blood, His innocent body--His death! Because of this, I am His very own, will live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him righteously, innocently and blessedly forever, just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns forever. This is most certainly true!**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## **OFFERING**

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

## **WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST**

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb Who gave Himself to take away our sin, Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His 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: "*Alleluia*" *(Michael W. Smith)*

Piano Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly

are You, Lord God — Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God — Al - might - y.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb, A - men.

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: We give thanks to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for the salvation we have through Jesus Christ. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, and into these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung)*

**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. AMEN.**

### **COMMUNION** *(Please be seated)*

P: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to the table of the risen Christ.

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

### **LAMB OF GOD** *(WOV p 25)*

**G** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

### 1. "Oh, Love, How Deep" (ELW # 322)

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore  
 be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 that God, the Son of God, should take  
 for us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew;  
 our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 he bore the shameful cross and death;  
 for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;  
 for us he went on high to reign;  
 for us he sent his Spirit here  
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
 for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
 the Trinity whom we adore  
 forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1820–1885, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

## 2. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Maj # 515 - favorite)

William W. Walford

William B. Bradbury

1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,  
 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

1 And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known:  
 2 To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:

1 In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
 2 And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word, and trust His grace,

1 And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
 2 I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.



## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **BLESSING**

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

### **SENDING HYMN** “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*”

*(ELW # 855 - favorite)*

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.  
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.  
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS ARE SPONSORED BY:**

***Holy Cross  
to the glory of God***

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 3 Crown him the Lord of Heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 5 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
 From pole to pole that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore Him fall;  
 His reign shall know no end, And round His pier - ced feet  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 Crown Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for He is King of all.  
 Fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra-grance e - ver sweet.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,  
 the potentate of time,  
 creator of the rolling spheres,  
 ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
 For thou hast died for me;  
 thy praise and glory shall not fail  
 throughout eternity.

**MAY 21, 2023**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Joe Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Penny Miller/ 10:45-Lyn Stryker

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

COMMUNION: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski, Joe Barlow, Faith Miller  
/ 10:45-Lyn Stryker

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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