

Sunday, May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A



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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.

May 24: Assisting with Worship

Zoom Manager:	Kelly Kraus
Altar Guild:	All
Greeter:	Mac M
Children's Sermon:	Pastor K
Lector:	Barb L
Worship Assistant:	Joyce H
Communion Assistants:	All People of God

—Gathering—

Greeting & Welcome

Mac McCann

Announcements

Lisette Branscomb

Congregational President

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Stover

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor Kim Stover

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Kim Stover

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

Gathering Song: In Christ There Is No East or West ELW 650

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.
 Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

—Word—

Epecially for Children

Pastor Kim Stover

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Barb Litke

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

A reading from Acts, chapter 6

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going, and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴All 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.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Barb Litke

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

A reading from 1st Peter, chapter 12.

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor Stover

Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord.* I am coming to you. *Alleluia.* (John 14:18)

Gospel: John 17:1-11**Pastor Stover**

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 17.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After 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, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So 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. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**Sermon****Rev. Kim Stover**

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Be Glorified

ELW 744

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Be Glorified'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

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

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

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Prayers of Intercession

Joyce Holdrich

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

The Prayers of Intercession begin following this invitation to pray.

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. Pastor's Note: If we were to remember for one minute each person who has lost life to COVID-19, our silence would last 65 days. If we dedicated one second of silence to remembering each death, we would be silent for a day and an hour.

Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Now reveal yourself through our hope and humility.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our spiritual ancestors understood floods, earthquakes, and disease as calls away from human hubris into humility and service to the least. Are you now, through COVID-19, through flooding, through storms in the night calling us again to humility and service; are you calling the leaders of the nations from hubris and corruption to prayer, fasting, and justice for all? Keep praying for us loving Jesus, and in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You come near to us, and you hear our distress. As we pray for those who suffer, hear our prayer, *especially for*

- Tom and Sheila Wagner's nephew Damian, who suffered a stroke.
- Sue Silver, as she recovers from Covid-19.
- Amanda and Amanda, as they await the births of their babies.
- Ciji (See-jee, and friend of Rica Kelly's daughter) in giving birth; and Rica's friend Jenny, an ICU nurse.
- Joann's friend Stephanie, in her medical work at Northside Gwinnett
- John and Joyce's grandson Chris Holdrich in his medical work in Florida
- Family and friends of Sandra Robinson in their illness and recent deaths, especially Margaret Robinson, Rick Robinson, Sondra Fowler, and Bob Xander.
- Margaret Robinson, Rick's mother, hospitalized after fall and broken hip.
- Stephanie Sanders in her illness, and her mother (Sarah Catham) as she recovers from a broken hip, and Marie Zagaglia, post-procedure.

- Myrna Mamaril, Al Kates' sister and John Hopkins ICU health professional, as she escorts COVID 19 patients from ICU to the quarantined areas of the hospital.
- Continue to bless the family of Gary Berry (deceased), especially his wife Susan, as they wait to gather for his Celebration of Life service.
- Comfort Miriam and Mac McCann and family as they wait longer still to gather and celebrate the life of Cathi, Miriam's sister.
- Comfort Charlene Adams in grief over the death of her mother.
- Comfort the friends of Margit Mallok, especially the Cauble family, upon Margit's death.
- Comfort children and teens in this most difficult time of sickness and death; but especially bless...
 - Jarixa with the sense that you created her for purpose and joy.
 - Kayla that she returns home, and
 - Savannah.
- Good Shepherd: there are those who live on the outer edges of your green and lush pastures. Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed, or underemployed, especially Ingrid, Sonya, Connie, and Phillip, and Shirley.
- Comfort those who live in nursing homes, care centers, and retirement villages where Covid is present. We especially ask this on behalf of Doni Saunders, and Joanne Heckman.
- Strengthen those with cancer, in particular your servant Hilton Austin; and those who love him, especially Patti. Watch over Rev. Jill Henning.
- Continue to strengthen your servant Sister Roberta.

Gracious God, We know that you hear us. Thank you for health restored to Kyle Jenkins, Sandra's father.

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end,
so with confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for
whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

—Meal—

PM The peace of Christ be with you always.

Pastor Stover

C **And also with you.**

Offering

Pastor Stover

Preparing the Bread and Wine

All

Thanksgiving for other Offerings: Finances, Shawls, Food,
Prayer, etc.

Offering Prayer

Joyce Holdrich

Merciful God,

our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,

just as you do with our lives. Grant us vision to see them!

Feed us again at this table

for service in your name on which we call,
in the strength of the risen Christ.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Stover

+Dialogue

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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.

+PREFACE (ELW p. 108)

The presiding minister continues:

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

All

**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.**

+Thanksgiving at the Table

*The following Eucharistic Prayer in which are found the Words of Institution, was written by
Pastor Kim Stover for use during this time of COVID-19.*

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us, and to proclaim to us your will.

It is Jesus whom you sanctify in our hearts
that our actions toward others would be reverent and kind. (Easter 6)

It is with Jesus, Father and Holy Spirit, into whom we were baptized,
that we might stand before you with a good conscience. (Easter 6)

And it is Jesus to whom we turn in this time of COVID crisis.
Save us, Lord Christ, from arrogance, distrust, fear, and sickness,
—our own and that of others,

that we might provide for our neighbor
as you humbly provide us bread and wine this day.

It is Jesus, who, though good and loved by you, Heavenly Father,
suffered mightily,
enduring injustice and irreverent abuse,
until death itself freed him from such cruelty,
until Life itself raised him to life anew.

Beyond death, beyond suffering and injustice,
it is Jesus who established his covenant,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, who said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Send, now the Spirit of the Father and the Son
upon these gifts of your church.

Do not abandon us or leave us as orphans, (Easter 6)
but gather all into one as we share this bread and wine.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

+The Lord's Payer

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

Remember us in your kingdom and keep teaching us to pray.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Pastor Stover

Alleluia! Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Lamb of God

John Womack

After All have Communed

Pastor Stover

May the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing strengthen you in faith, that you might have hope, and in hope, love.

Prayer after Communion

Joyce Holdrich

Life-giving God,

you have fed us with your word,
and our hearts burn within us.

Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.

Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

—Sending—

Post-Worship Notes

Pastor Stover

Others

Blessing

Pastor Stover

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song. You Are Mine

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Following page.

Dismissal

Mac McCann

Christ is risen, as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
 Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



To stanzas 3 and 4
 love you and you are mine."

4 "I

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