

The Liturgy of the Word The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day May 24, 2020 • 10:15 a.m. HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

### The people's responses are in **bold**.

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

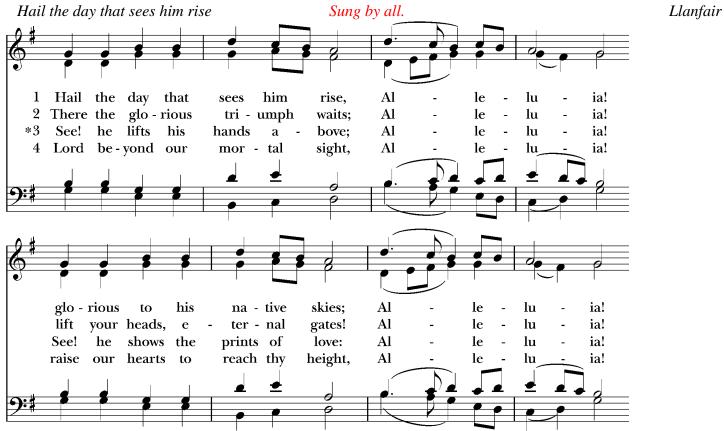
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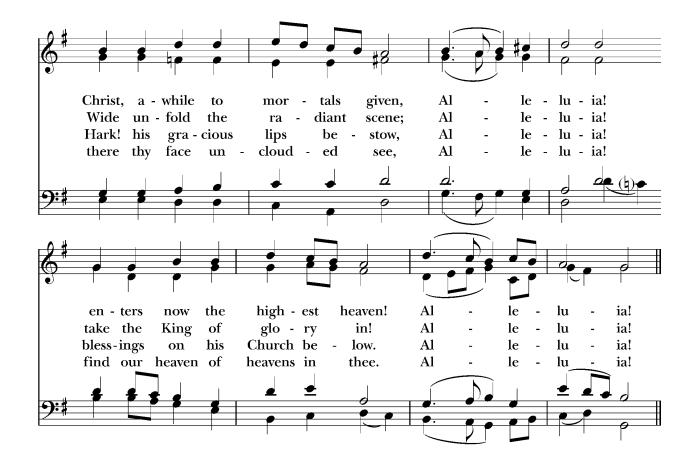
### PRELUDE

All glory be to God on high

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

### **OPENING HYMN** • #214





## THE ACCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.* 

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for 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 LESSONS**

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1, verses 6 through 14.

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

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

## THE PSALM

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

*Reader* Our response to the first reading is a portion of Psalm 68, verses 1 through 10 and verses 33 through 36. Please pray it with me.

### PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *				
let those who hate him flee before him.				
<sup>2</sup> Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *				
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.				
<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *				
let them also be merry and joyful.				
<sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;				
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *				
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!				
<sup>5</sup> Father of orphans, defender of widows, *				
God in his holy habitation!				
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *				
but the rebels shall live in dry places.				
<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, *				
when you marched through the wilderness,				
<sup>8</sup> The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,				
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *				
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.				
<sup>9</sup> You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *				
you refreshed the land when it was weary.				

<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; \*
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
<sup>33</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*
sing praises to the Lord.
<sup>34</sup>He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
<sup>35</sup>Ascribe power to God; \*
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
<sup>36</sup>How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

### THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter, chapter 4, verses 12 through 14 and chapter 5, verses 6 through 11.

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>13</sup>But 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. <sup>14</sup>If 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.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 17, verses 1<br/>through 11.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,<sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"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; <sup>8</sup>for 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. <sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And 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."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

### THE SERMON

### The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

### THE NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

*Leader* The Prayers of the People today are guided by Form 6, found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service bulletin. Please pray them with me.

In Easter hope and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

You call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit as we serve and pray for all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.* 

Fill us with the true sense that we are one as we pray for this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.* 

You send a gracious rain on a weary land. Move us in your grace as we pray for the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom. Increase in us your love and voice for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

We pray that you reveal in us wonder in your holy places for the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.* 

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Marty our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; *For all who serve God in God's Church.* 

We pray for our neighbors facing adversity, for our sick and for those who cannot be with us:

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Linda Roberts	Barb	Kinsley Don	Aone Wedel
Bill Derrick	Sue	Linda Mar James	Dick Wedel
Don Russell	Angelique Bolling	Adrienne Kenison	Carson Wood
Wendy	Kenneth Perry	Linda	Christian
Tiffany	Karen Ashem	Jordan Alan	
Nancy Greenwood	Benjamin Zeiler		
Kathy Jacobson and the Jacobson family		The Yanonne family	

We pray for all who are sick, fearful, or isolated in this pandemic.

We pray for all first responders, healthcare providers, educators, caregivers, scientists, and all who are faithfully serving our most vulnerable.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation and all gathered with us today.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

God of all grace, you restore, support, strengthen, and establish us. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We pray in thanksgiving for the birth of baby Otto, grandson of Suzy Wiseheart, and for the first birthday of Hendrix Nederhoed.

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this morning for Charlie Dickson and Pete Pettersen.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.* 

*Deacon* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

## Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

## THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to 77977 or by visiting <u>http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/</u>.

## MUSIC AT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Banks of the Roses/My Guiding Star

LEIGHANN BEKEMEYER, HARP

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

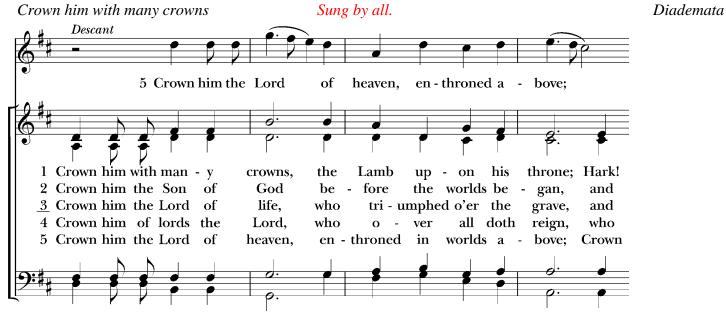
We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.* 



### CLOSING HYMN • #494



### DISMISSAL

Now let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

### POSTLUDE

Today God's son triumphs

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### Participants in the Service

Presider and Preacher	The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger
Deacon	The Venerable Dorcie Dvarishkis
Organist	Dr. Nancy Cooper
<b>Guest Musician</b>	LeighAnn Bekemeyer
Readers	Ken Ballinger, Keith Kuhn
Intercessor	Christy Ann Brown
Film Editor	PJ Willett

## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Thanks to parishioner and choir member LeighAnn Bekemeyer for her beautiful music this morning.

### **GROW WITH US**

Everything we do at Holy Spirit, including today's online service, is made possible because of people like you. We rely on your donations to make our mission and ministry possible. In these challenging times, your support is needed more than ever. If this service has been meaningful for you, we encourage you to give as you're able to help Holy Spirit continue to serve our community and the greater world. Visit

<u>http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/</u> or give on our church app or text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to **77977** to give on your smartphone. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **ONLINE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**

**ONLINE CENTERING PRAYER** 

### First and Third Fridays of Each Month at 12 Noon

### Next Gathering: Friday, June 5, at 12 Noon

Come together in silent online prayer on the church Facebook page

(<u>https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritMissoula/</u>) as we move beyond thoughts, words and emotions into a time of quiet contemplation. All are welcome.

## CONNECT WITH US

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## GET THE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH APP

Stay connected with the Holy Spirit App! Keep up to date on upcoming events, see the latest bulletin, submit a prayer request – all that and so much more! Get a link to download the app to your smartphone by texting **HOLYSPIRITAPP** to **77977**.

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## SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Make a prayer request online at http://holyspiritmissoula.org/pastoral-care/ or on our church app.

## SIGN UP FOR OUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

You can sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter, *Spirited Times*, at <u>http://holyspiritmissoula.org/about-us/newsletters/</u>.

## **HELPING EACH OTHER**

Here are a couple of ways you can help in the Missoula Community:

## MISSOULA COVID-19 MUTUAL AID COMMUNITY

A webpage dedicated to helping our neighbors, being prepared and getting informed. It provides resources for those individuals in our community who need help and ideas and resources and links to organizations to those folks who can help. Check it out at <u>http://covidmissoula.org/</u>.

## CHECK IN ON EACH OTHER

What can we do our own Holy Spirit Community? As of this writing, Rev. Gretchen has organized a team of 22 volunteers to check in on our fellow parishioners. Can you think of people who might appreciate a check in? We're all in this together, and we can all do our part to stay connected and in touch.

## CAN WE BE OF HELP?

Providing support to one another, especially in times of crisis, illness or grief, is at the heart of our lives together as a congregation. Rev. Gretchen has organized a team of 15 drivers who are willing to help while our more vulnerable folks self-isolate. They can do grocery runs, pick up medications, etc. Please let us know if we can be of help. Contact Rev. Gretchen at 542-2167 or gretchen@holyspiritmissoula.org.