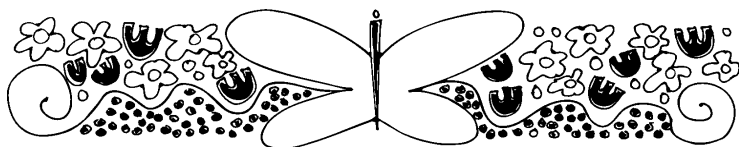


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Seventh Sunday of Easter

**May 12, 2024**

**The Liturgy of  
 The Holy Eucharist II**

**Process to the Altar Hymn** **376**  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

**Hymn** **S 279**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King/ almighty God and  
 Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God/ you take away the sin  
 of the world: have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the  
 Father:  
 receive our prayer**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High/ Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The 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.**

**A Reading from Acts** (1:15-17, 21-26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "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-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 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." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

**(Please read in unison after the first asterisk)**

- 1 Happy 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 his law day and night.**
- 3 They 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.**
- 5 Therefore 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 is doomed.**

## A Reading from 1 John (5:9-13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those 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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

### Open My Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord, that we might receive you,  
Open our spirits, and teach us to worship.

Open our lips, Lord, and teach us to praise you.

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

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## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (17:6-19)

### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, "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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth;

your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

### **Open My Eyes, Lord**

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To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord, that we might receive you,  
Open our spirits, and teach us to worship.  
Open our lips, Lord, and teach us to praise you.  
Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Hilary Njoroge

*Silence for reflection*

## **The Nicene Creed**

(Standing, as able.)

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**

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise. Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.

***That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.***

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.

***That our world may know the blessings of life in you.***

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

***That Christ's Body may be One.***

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

***That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.***

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine.

***That we may be an Easter people.***

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

***That they too may share in your abundant life.***

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

***That they may rejoice in your presence forever more.***

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Anglican Church of Burundi, the Dioceses of Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria), Ekiti Oke (Nigeria), Ekiti West (Nigeria), Eldoret (Kenya), Port Elizabeth (South Africa), El-Obeid (Sudan); our diocese, especially Christ Church (Puyallup), All Saints (Tacoma); and our parish; that your Holy Spirit would guide and direct your Church throughout the world to be a sign of your Kingdom;

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially for those we now name;

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially for Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Elianny, Gary, Marilyn, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, The Beimler family, Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, The Powell Family, Ken, Debbie, Mike, Kim, Mike, Michele, Bob, Gary, Emerson, Robert, Elsie, and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, especially those we now name;

We praise you and bless you, O Christ.

***We praise you and bless you.***

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's

resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*In keeping with the ancient custom of the Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Offertory**

*Today's loose cash offerings go to our Emergency Aid Fund, which is used to "to provide for timely financial assistance to those in need in a manner that protects the privacy and dignity of recipients".*

## **The Great Thanksgiving – A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

## **Sanctus**

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.  
[Alleluia.]**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail.*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Procession to the Neighborhood**

### **Spirit Song**

O let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love,  
Let him fill your life and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you and  
his Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

**Refrain:** Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness,  
Give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' Name.

### **Refrain**

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*Celebrant* Let us state our mission;

**To be a church that passionately embraces and  
values all people, growing in the love of Christ  
through word and action.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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