The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

24 May 2020
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist
The Holy Eucharist
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Voluntary

The Gathering

Sung by the choir.

Introit

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The presider greets the congregation joining via livestream.

Opening Acclamation

Presider  Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People    The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn 214

Sung by all, standing.

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.; music: Robert Williams (1781-1821)
Gloria in excelsis

Choir  Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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

Presider  May God be with you.

People  And also with you.

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 Word of God

The First Reading


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

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

After the reading  The Word of the Lord.

All  Thanks be to God.
Psalm 68:1–6, 35–36

The people remain seated. The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.

Gerre Hancock

Antiphon Be joyful in God, all you lands.

Choir Bless our God, you peoples; *
maketh voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

All Be joyful in God, all you lands.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

All Be joyful in God, all you lands.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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. 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. 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.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 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. 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. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

After the reading The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.
Hymn 221
Sung by all, standing.  

1 O Lord Most high, eternal King, by thee re-
2 Ascend ing to the Father’s throne thou claim’st the
3 Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord, as thou wilt
4 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to

1 deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of death are
2 kingdom as thine own; and angels wonder
3 be our great reward; let all our glory
4 thee let earth accord, who art, while endless

1 burst by thee, and grace has won the victory.
2 when they see how changed is our humanity.
3 be in thee both now and through eternity.
4 ages run, with Father and with Spirit, One.

(After stanza 4 only)

Al-le-lu-ia!

The Holy Gospel

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

Choir  I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

People  I will return to you and your hearts will re-joyce.

All  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

After the Gospel
The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
A period of silence may follow.
The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King
Vice Dean

The Nicene Creed
After the sermon, the people stand.

Presider 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
After each petition Risen Christ, hear our prayer. The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All And also with you. All may greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements
The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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Anthem

Johannes Eccard

Choir

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne’er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen. Death’s flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross’d the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

The Lord be with you.

All

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.

Presider, continuing

... with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Sowerby

Choir

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.

Presider, continuing

we acclaim you, O Christ:

All

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider, concluding

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

All

AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

Presider

Wherever you are, please pray in the language of your heart the words that Jesus gave us

All

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.
The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

The choir alone sings the first Alleluia, then the people join in.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Spiritual Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the people of God.

One of these prayers for spiritual communion follows.

Beloved Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and know that you are with us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. Now and always we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. In your most holy name. Amen.

Gracious God, we love you above all things, and are grateful that you are with us. Come spiritually into our hearts, unite our entire selves to you and never permit us to be separated from your presence. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Sung in English

Sowerby

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people,

forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
Hymn 216

Sung by all, standing.

Salve festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed for ever,

day when the Christ ascends, high in the heavens to reign.

1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;
2 Daily the love-li-ness grows, adorned with the glory of blos-som;
3 God the Cre-a-tor, the Lord who rulest the earth and the heavens;
4 Je-sus the health of the world, en-light-en our minds, thou Re-deem-er;
5 Spi-rit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our be-ing;
6 Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who art au-thor of con-cord,

1 all things cre-a-ted on earth sing to the glory of God:
2 Son of the Fa-ther su-preme, on-ly be-got-ten of God;
3 guard us from harm with-out, cleanse us from e-vil with-in:
4 pour out thy balm on our souls, or-der our ways in thy peace:

Hail thee, festival day!

Repeat refrain

Refrain

1 All respond Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

Serving the assembly:

Presider The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice
Homilist The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young, Dean
Deacon The Rev. Kenneth W. Parris, Assisting Clergy
Musicians Canon Benjamin Bachmann, The Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music
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