## Seventh Sunday of Easter

## ~ May 29, 2022 ~ SALT Sunday

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness ELW pg. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***C: Amen.***

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

***C: Amen.***

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

P: Most merciful God,

***C: 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.***

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

***C: Amen.***

**Peace** Page 138

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Gathering Hymn *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*** ELW #855

Vs. 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
 hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
 Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Vs. 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
 whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;  
 fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Vs. 3 Crown him the Lord of love – behold his hands and side,  
 rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
 No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
 but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Vs. 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
 and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Vs. 5 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.

**Greeting** ELW pg. 138

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.***

**Kyrie** ELWPage 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

***C: Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise** ELWPage 139

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.

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading: Acts 16:16-34**

*Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

16One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**Psalm 97**

1The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**2Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

3Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

**4Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

5The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

**6The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous.**

7Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**8Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judg- ments, O LORD.**

9For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**10You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

11Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

**12Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous.**

**Second Reading**: **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

12See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

14Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 16It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

17The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." 20The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**Gospel**: **John 17:20-26**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

[Jesus prayed:] 20"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *“Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing”***  ELW #389

Vs. 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands

empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with

praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Vs. 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant

years in Palestine, but saving, healing,

here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

Vs. 3 In ev'ry insult, rift and war, where color,

scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet

loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Vs. 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the

Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the

life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Vs. 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to

this and ev'ry age, till earth and sky and

ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**Apostles’ Creed**  ELW pg. 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**“*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry (especially).

Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

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**Offering**

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Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** ELW pg. 145

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.***

**Words of Institution**

P: 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 for the 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 until he comes.

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

**Lord’s Prayer** ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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.***

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Blessing**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and + give you peace.

**Sending Hymn *“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*** *Hymn #888*

Vs. 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
 for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Vs. 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
 who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
 America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
 till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

Vs. 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
 thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
 America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
 confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

***C: Thanks be to God!***

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