



# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## May 12, 2024

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### GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Truro*

Charles Burney / arr. Christopher Hoh

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *A Morning Song*

Stephen Burtonwood

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

**C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.**

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

**C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day you shower us again with the water of life.**

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

**C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW #855

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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (refrain)
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (refrain)

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (refrain)

L: Let us all pray: **C: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, now lingered in the way of sinner, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L: 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.

**C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation:

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Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:6-19

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

ELW #393

1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

REFRAIN: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with his faithful foll'wers see their Lord ascend in majesty. (refrain)

3. To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is the Savior!" thus they say, "this is his glorious triumph day!" (refrain)

4. "You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty." (refrain)

5. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. (refrain)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the  
Nicene Creed.

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**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. (petitions end: "Hear us, O God... **Your mercy is great.**")

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

*The Offering (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy! In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through our partnership with Family Promise of Great Falls. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayer to this work! If you are our guest today – either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)*

Offertory: *O Christ, Our Hope*

Nikolaus Herman / arr. Johann G. Walter

Offertory Response: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.

Offertory Prayer: **C: 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, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

P: It is indeed right, [...] we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer L: You are indeed holy, [...] now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Now, Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 the Lord's Table

Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn during Communion: Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #462

1. Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,  
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,  
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
2. Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing  
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,  
Pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
3. Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,  
Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,  
Seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: 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.**

### SENDING

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever! **C: Amen.**

Hymn: O Christ, Our Hope

ELW #604

1. O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, creation's mighty Lord.  
Redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured,  
by holy love outpoured.
2. How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin,  
And bow your head in cruel death to make us clean within,  
to make us clean within.
3. But now the bonds of death are burst, the ransom has been paid;  
You reign above at God's right hand, in robes of light arrayed,  
in robes of light arrayed.
4. Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride,  
That we may stand before your throne by mercy purified,  
by mercy purified.
5. All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity, through all eternity.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

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

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in F*

Wayne L. Wold



**Musician:** James Rickley     **Cantor:** Gaynell Tempel     **Reader:** Melanie Jensen  
**Communion Assistant:**                                 **Fellowship:** Gaynell Tempel  
**Streaming Team:** Allan Tooley, Neil White, Bruce Bull

### **Announcements for the week of May 12:**

- Pastor Tammy will be on vacation May 13-19. If you have a pastoral care emergency during this time, please contact Gaynell Tempel.
- R.O.M.E.O. men’s lunch group meets Thurs., 5/16 at 11:30 – Fireside Rm.
- Helping Hands board meeting Thurs., 5/16 – 6:30 pm at Helping Hands.

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, June 9. If you would like to be included in this group, please get in touch with our church council chair Barbara Ovitt, or Pastor Tammy.

**Keeping in Prayer...** Holly; Rick & Karen; Barbara; Ann; Wayne; Alice; Aaron; Rachele; Ron; Ace; Alashanee; Wyatt; Beckett; Tim; Alex; Ike & MaryAnn; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Chris; Beth; Dawn; Brian; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Rachel; Don & Donna; Rose; Ann & Ted; Carl & Harley; Sandy; Noah; Elaine; Dorothy; Jerry; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta

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