

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - ASCENSION

May 16, 2021

**AS WE GATHER** Some of the most memorable portraits of Jesus shared with us by the Gospel writers depict times when He prayed. We remember Him teaching the disciples to pray when He was on the mountain, sharing the heart of His teaching. We have the powerful portrait of Him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed. And in John's Gospel (*John 17:1-26*) is recorded what is known as the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord. Jesus prayed for His people during His earthly ministry; He continues that praying for us. In his first epistle, John writes that "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (*1 John 2:1*). There is holy conversation in heaven just as sure as there is holy conversation on earth when we pray! We can be confident that our prayers by which we bring our concerns to our Lord become part of His praying. We can come to Him with assurance that He prays for our protection and our unity at all times.

### † IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

### PRELUDE

**WELCOME** "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24*

**GATHERING HYMN** "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LSB 493 v 1-4

### INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 6:9; 54:1-2; 102:1-2*

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD;

**C: let my cry come to You!**

P: Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress!

**C: Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!**

P: O God, save me, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might.

**C: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

P: The LORD has heard my plea;

**C: the LORD accepts my prayer.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, praying for His gracious forgiveness.

**C: O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You and have not been constant in prayer and devotion. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty with others at all times. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds totally pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have coveted that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing" *LSB 493 v 5-6*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. **O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; Keep all those whom You love in Your name, O Lord, that they may be one even as You and the Father are one; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### † THE LIVING WORD †

### FIRST READING

*Acts 1:12-26*

*(Matthias is chosen to replace Judas Iscariot among the disciples.)*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

<sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about

120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'" <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

*1 John 5:9-15*

*(The testimony about the Son of God)*

<sup>9</sup>And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup>So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." <sup>11</sup>But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" <sup>12</sup>They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" <sup>13</sup>Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. <sup>14</sup>Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." <sup>15</sup>The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE

*Romans 6:9; John 14:18*

**Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

*(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)*

<sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Rise! To Arms! With Prayers Employ You”**

LSB 668

**SERMON “Heart to Heart Prayer – For You for Me”** John 17

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** *The First Article*

P: We are reminded by Scripture that our heavenly Father hears the prayers of His people. Assured of His fatherly care, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(after petitions, Pastor prays “Lord in your mercy” please pray, “Hear our prayer”) (after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## † CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER †

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(In preparation for the Lord’s supper, we pray the prayer Jesus 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.**

**THE PREPARATION** *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord’s Words of Institution)*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

**INVITATION & DISTRIBUTION** (Please join us in the Lord’s Supper as you are able with kits where you are seated or with the continuous flow communion coming forward to the Chancel.

**COMMUNION HYMN “There is a Redeemer”** LSB 971

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do;**

**through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**SONG OF SENDING “Living Hope”** By: Phil Wickham

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission!

**C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

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## POST SERVICE MUSIC

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† SOLI DEO GLORIA †  
(To God be the Glory)

## SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE (9:00 am)

**Elder/Communion:** Dennis Waderich  
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