



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16, 2021

AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOUSE CHURCHES

As you gather, take a moment or two for deep breaths and invite the group to relax in body and spirit. Remember, God hears prayers of all sorts, in all conditions.

Salutation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect of the Day

God be with you.

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.**

Hymn 1 *see options on pages 4–7*

The Gospel John 17:6-19

When you hear this scripture, what words jump out at you? How might this be made into the living word of God in your life, community, and world?

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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.

Pause for time of reflection. As a group, you might consider the questions asked before the reading.

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Hymn 2 *see options on pages 4–7*

Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of heaven and earth, we pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as Jesus loves us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. We pray especially for our family ministry team and all those who share in ministry with the children of this parish. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. We are grateful today for those blessings we name now, either silently or aloud . . . *(pause)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Give courage and hope to all those striving to dismantle racism, wherever it may be found. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, and bless those who minister to them. We pray especially for those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . *(pause)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. We pray especially for those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . *(pause)*

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Officiant Those things, Risen Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for your tender mercy's sake. **Amen.**

Peace *Please stand as you are able. The Officiant says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

This liturgy was originally used by our lay eucharistic visitors who were sent out after the Sunday service to visit those in hospitals or those who were at home, unable to attend church. The bread and wine have already been blessed by a priest, and are now ready to be prayerfully distributed by lay ministers.

At the Offertory

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for this mystical food that has been blessed in your holy Name so that your friends may share in your Divine life. By the power of the Holy Spirit may these gifts strengthen and restore us for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, 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.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text "SCEC" to 73256 and you will receive a return text with instructions.

Hymn 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let Us Break Bread

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

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Hymn 460 *verses 1-3*

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

Hymn 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba, Irish melody; harm. Hymnal 1982

Hymn 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain



1 A-maz-ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his
 4 Through man-y dan-gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re-lieved; how pre-cious did that
 3 word my hope se-cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al-re-a-dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin-ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

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Hymn 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly
 heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a
 ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:
 Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
 flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
 on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; I've got riv - er in my soul.
2. soul; I've got foun - tain in my soul.
3. soul; I've got o - cean in my soul.

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