

# Seventh Sunday of Easter, year A

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## Focus on the Season: Seventh Sunday of Easter, year A

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In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's Gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

*Everything for worship is now included in one video. You may wish to print these pages before worship, as you won't be switching back and forth anymore and it would be helpful to have an order of service to follow along in the home.*

*There are several places where you are invited to respond or even lead; these are clear in the video.*



## Centering and Gathering

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Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: *The introduction to the Entrance Hymn serves as the Prelude*

HYMN: ELW 322, "Oh, Love, How Deep"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, year A, May 28, 2018.*

EASTER GREETING

*Greet one another with the good news!*

☒ Christ is risen! Alleluia!

☑ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## Word

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Apostolic greeting is on the video)*

Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14; reader – Rod Olson, lector

<sup>6</sup>When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they

were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> 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.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

*Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

*Recorded Wednesday, May 20, 2020*

*The antiphon is sung by singers from Cantorei; the verses are sung by all.*

Let God arise, and let God’s ene- | mies be scattered; \* let those who | hate God flee.  
As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away; \* as the wax melts before the fire, so let  
the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.  
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God; \* let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.  
Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds; \* “I AM” is that name,  
rejoice | before God!  
In your holy habita- | tion, O God, \* you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;  
you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom; \* but the rebels shall live in |  
desert places.  
O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people, \* when you marched | through the wilderness,  
the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai, \* at  
the presence of God, the | God of Israel.  
You sent a bountiful | rain, O God; \* you restored your inheritance | when it languished.  
Your people found their | home in it; \* in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the  
poor.  
Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth; \* sing praises | to the Lord.  
You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens; \* you send forth your voice, your | mighty  
voice.  
Ascribe pow- | er to God, \* whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.  
How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel, \* giving strength and power to your  
people! | Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; reader – assisting minister Paul Odlaug

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 388, “Be Not Afraid”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday of Easter, year A, May 4, 2014.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “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. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> 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.”

SERMON

**One**

Pr. Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection*

HYMN: ELW 705, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 5 C, June 19, 2016.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Paul Odlaug, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ.*

*Respond to each petition: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE

*Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

## *Sending*

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LORD’S PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.*

*The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 657, “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the feast of the Confession of St. Peter, January 15, 2018.*

DISMISSAL

*Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:*

- ☒ Christ is risen! Alleluia!    ☒ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- ☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.    ☒ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

“Litanies”

Jehan Alain

*Recorded at Mount Olive on The Sixth Sunday of Easter, year B, May 10, 2015.*