

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to Merciful God, with **Receive our prayer.**

MEAL

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord your God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION/PRAYERS

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle.

Music is played during communion

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

THE BLESSING SONG

The Lord bless you, and keep you

Make his face shine upon you

Be gracious to you

The Lord turn his face toward you

And give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

Go now in peace to Love and Serve Our Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Join us after worship for our Coffee Fellowship!

Sunday, May 17th ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter



INTRODUCTION

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.

OPENING SONG: Crown Him With Many Crowns #855 Vs.1-4

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BASPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1st Reading: Acts 1:6-14

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (please read bolded words)

L: Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

C: 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 presence of God.

L: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

C: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

L: In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C: you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

L: O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

C: 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.

L: You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

L: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

C: You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

L: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C: How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah #172

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John in the 14th chapter

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

L: This is the gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

SONG : Lord, You Give the Great Commission #579 Vs.1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

OFFERING