

Seventh Sunday in Easter
Séptimo domingo de Pascua
Sunday, May 24, 2020
Domingo, 24 de mayo de 2020

Unity Lutheran Church of Berwyn
Grounded together in faith and love...
Bringing God's Word to life...
Embracing the community and the world...

Cimentados juntos en la fe y el amor ...
Dando vida a la Palabra de Dios ...
Abrazando la comunidad y el mundo ...

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

We are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

For in the beginning you created us in your image

In the desert you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

You sent the good shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,

And on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,

And for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

Through Jesus Christ our lord

In the unity of the holy spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



GATHERING SONG

In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

REETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

REETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore dominion to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by divine authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “You Galileans, 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.”

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

²**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.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the
one who | rides the clouds;**

I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth
prisoners | into freedom;**

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

⁸**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.**

⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision
| for the poor.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient
heavens;**

you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in
the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O |
God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! |
Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist the devil, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little

while, that very God of all grace, who has called you into eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Julie Boleyn

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Ososǒ, Ososǒ

ENGLISH

1. Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

2. Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

4. Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Text: Geon-yong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding like Nicholas Copernicus and Leonard Euler, whom the church commemorates today. We especially pray for those now working for a cure for the COVID-19 virus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable, especially the citizens of Afghanistan as they form a new national government. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care; especially members of our church community: Helen, Ethel, Ann, Jessica, Alberta, Pam, Evelyn, Donna, Linda, Virginia, Dorothy, Richard, Lucy, Jan, and Lucile. For those we hold dear: Abby, Mary, April, Robert, Rosa, Nan, Marcia, Maria and Toribio, Patricia, Judy, Gillian and Peter, Donald, Gloria, Edward, Barb, Carlos, Jennifer, Jacque, Erica, Citlali, Julia, Erika, Greg, Phil, Jerry, Katie, Kevin, and Robert. Surround all for whom we pray with care and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Send comfort to the family and friends of Ethel Marousek as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with all of your children in this time of pandemic illness. Keep safe those who work in health care. Protect those who perform necessary services or work in essential industries. Let us be mindful of the need to shelter-in-place and practice social distancing when out. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send healing to those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus, we especially pray for those in our church community. Rebeca and Jorge, Carlos and Rosa, and their children Andrea and Ximena. The family of Mireya and Rigoberto. The family of Anabel who are caring for her and other family members. The household of Astrid and Larry. We give you thanks that Mary has now tested negative for the virus. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send comfort and relief to the people of Bangladesh and eastern India who are suffering the effects of Cyclone Amphan, especially those who were evacuated to crowded cyclone shelters during this time of pandemic plague. Console the friends and families of those who died in the storm as they grieve their deaths and celebrate their lives. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We celebrate with Vicar Maria her receiving the endorsement of the Synod Candidacy Committee in her progression for ordination. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send assistance, comfort, and relief to those affected by the recent flooding rains, especially the people of mid-Michigan. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked, and gave their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice, especially Ethel, and now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

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



THANKSGIVING FOR THE SPIRIT

Let us pray.

My Lord Jesus, you are truly present in the bread and wine we share together at the feast of communion. We love you above all things, and long for your presence. We long to share in the feast of life with you. In this time when we cannot share in the Body of Christ together, please come to our hearts, fill us with your Spirit. Grant us your grace. Surround us with your peace. For in the waters of baptism, you have already come to us, embracing us with your abundant life. Help us to remember that nothing can separate us from your love.

Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.



SENDING SONG

You Are Mine

1. "I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."

2. "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."

Refrain

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

3. "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name." *Refrain*

4. "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

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DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.



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