



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday + May 24, 2020

MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD WORSHIP

———— GATHERING ————

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Emilie Bouvier

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us give thanks for the newness of life we receive in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.
Together with all creation, we depend on water for our very being.
We offer gratitude for these, our waters – the Mississippi that unites us,
the lakes that calm us,
the streams that surround us,
the pipes that carry water to our homes –
We bless these gifts that they might nurture our lives.
We steward these gifts that might nurture the earth.

Held in this promise,
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for your salvation through water.
We remember your abundant grace and liberating power
in deliverance from the flood
in passage through the Reed Sea
in water gushing from rocks in the wilderness
We hold to your word that teems with life-giving waters, from the banks of Jordan
River to river of life that flows from the cross.
We enter in to Jesus' death through these waters,
Cleansing us of our sin and raising us to new life.

Held in this promise,
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the grace-filled community
born in these baptismal waters.
For the reconciling waters that make us one in you.
For all our relatives in Christ whom we have never seen
but to whom we are bound.

For the ways you are made known to us in community,
Alive for the sake of the world.

For our baptismal identity that grounds us, sustains us, and calls to be neighbor to one another in your great love.

Held in this promise,
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

At the river we pray:
Pour upon us yet again the Spirit of our baptism.
Wash away our brokenness,
Immerse us in your love and restore us to wholeness.
You, O God, are the water we crave, the fountain of life, the cleansing spring, the well from which we drink and never thirst again.

Amen.

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Verse 1

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

Verse 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Performed by the Choirs and Orchestra of Concordia College, René Clausen, conductor, December 2019.

GREETING

Bishop Ann Svennungsen

The Risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WELCOME

FIRST READING

Brenda Blackhawk

Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Christ's conversation with the disciples, in which Christ promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own 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, "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."

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.

SECOND READING

Eric Howard

Psalms 68:1-10

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²As 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.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing 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 habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶you 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 before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the 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.

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



Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah.

The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor
And to proclaim release to the captive. *(Repeat Hallelujah)*

National Lutheran Choir and Massed Choir, 2017 Reformation Festival Service,
Central Lutheran Church, October, 2017.

GOSPEL READING

Bishop Ann Svennungsen

John 17:1-11

On the night before the crucifixion, Jesus prays that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After 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, 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. ¹¹And 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

Bishop Ann Svennungsen

HYMN OF THE DAY**Shelter Me, by Michael Joncas**

Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

Chorus: O shelter me, O shelter me:
the way ahead is dark and difficult to see.
O shelter me, O shelter me:
all will be well if only you will shelter me.

Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
I cannot find your peaceful place
but dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
Within your house I'll find my peace,
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Craig Pederson

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dick Magnus, Karen Ohm,
Jeni Huff, John Mai, Rev. Craig Pederson

Faithful God, we pray for your church. As your people worship today, gathered in thousands of separate homes, grant us the gift of your peace. Give strength and wisdom to the leaders of our congregations and communities of faith. As Christians around the globe are united in their suffering through the coronavirus, so unite us also in the hope of life in the Risen Christ.

After each petition, we say the following:
God, in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer

With bold confidence in your peace which passes human understanding, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING MEDITATION

Put One Foot in Front of the Other

By Melanie DeMore, arr. Paul Address,
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SENDING

BLESSING

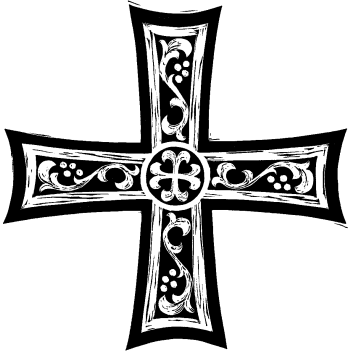
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SHARING of THE PEACE

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The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Go in peace. Christ is Risen!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!





Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.

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Praise to the Lord

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