

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 17, 2026



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Church in America**
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a Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

...Blessed are you.

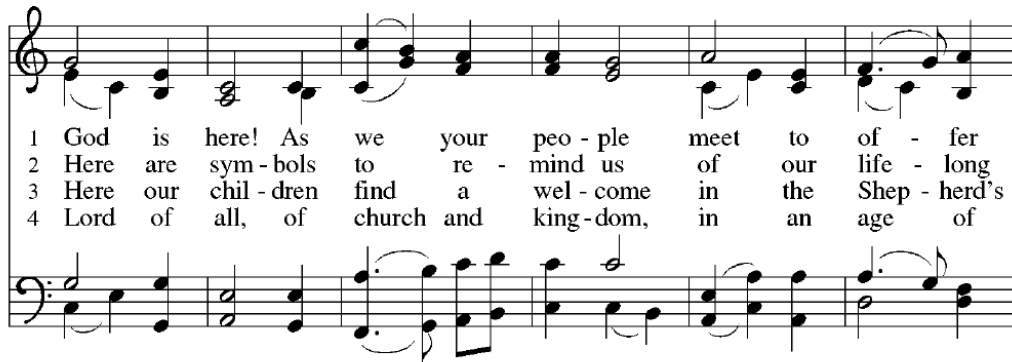
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

Amen.

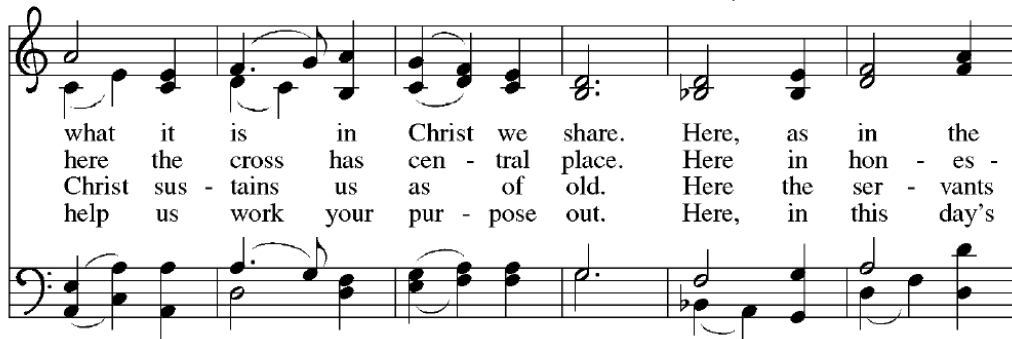
God Is Here!



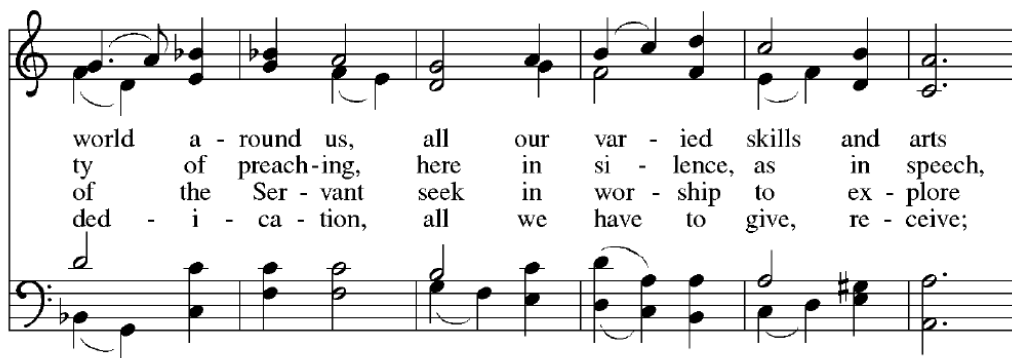
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!


*Greeting

P: The grace ... with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



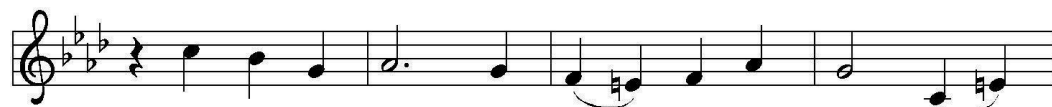
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

Word

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

- ⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus],
“Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”
- ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods
that the Father has set by his own authority.
- ⁸ 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.”
- ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.
- ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
- ¹¹ 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.”
- ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,
which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.
- ¹³ 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.
- ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with
certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- ¹ Let 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.**
- ³ But 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!**
- ⁵ In 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.**
- ⁷ O 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.**
- ⁹ You 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.**
- ³² Sing 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.**
- ³⁴ Ascribe 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

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Gospel: John 17:1-11

- ¹ 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,
- ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
- ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.
- ⁵ So 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.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ All 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.”

Sermon

O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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***Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***Prayers**

... merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

***Peace**

Meal

Musical Offering

***Offering Prayer**

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

*Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

*Eucharistic Prayer

*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.

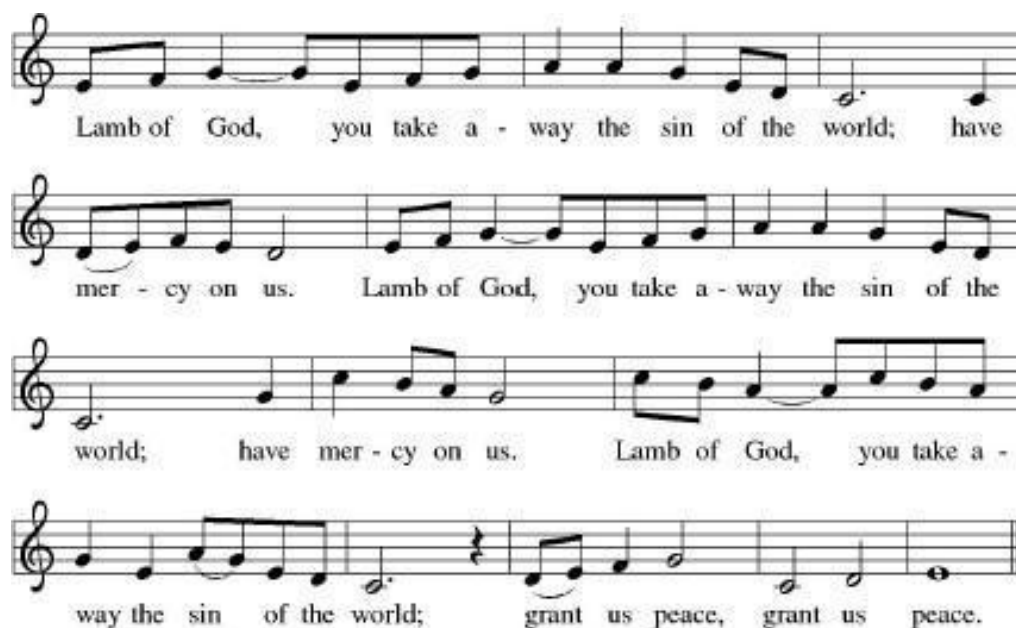
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

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.

Lamb of God




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

United at the Table
Unidos en la fiesta


Refrain / Estribillo




U - ni - dos en la fes - ta, la_a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is




se_ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



la_a - le - grí - a se_ha - ce_o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play




a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



por - que gran - de_es el a - mor
we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo



que_en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

2 Cantaremos la bondad del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa, y nos llama a comulgar como hermanos su vino y su pan.

3 Cantaremos al Señor alehuyas al son de instrumentos, y será nuestra canción la alabanza que ensalza su amor.

***Post-communion prayer**

Sending

***Blessing**

***Sending hymn:** (see next page)

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

***C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

We Who Once Were Dead



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
but you rose and, living,
made yourself our bread,
in your goodness giving
life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
in this meal we meet you.
Be our bread and wine,
Jesus, we entreat you.
This shall be our sign.

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