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**Worship Times**

Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



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Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



*May 12, 2021*  
*Worship with*  
*Holy Communion*

# Gathering

## ✠INTRODUCTION

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

## ✠THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠HYMN OF REFLECTION – One There Is, above All Others

*Sung to the melody of Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

1 One there is, above all others,  
well deserves the name of friend;  
his is love beyond a brother's,  
costly, free, and knows no end;  
they who once his kindness prove  
find it everlasting love.

- 2 Which of all our friends, to save us,  
could or would have shed his blood?  
But this Savior died to have us  
reconciled in him to God;  
this was boundless love indeed;  
Jesus is the friend we need.
- 3 When he lived on earth, they scorned him;  
“friend of sinners” was his name.  
Though the angels have adored him,  
still he answers to that claim;  
still he calls them dearest friends  
and to all their needs attends.

### ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Word

### ✠ FIRST LESSON – 1 John 5:9-13

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ GOSPEL – John 17:6-19

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✠ SERMON

## ✠HYMN OF THE DAY – The Church’s One Foundation (ELW #654)

### *Verses 1, 2, 5*

- 1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

## ✠PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P During this Easter season, we pray for the baptized around the world, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

P O triune God, we praise you for your wondrous love and for the steadfastness of believers throughout this pandemic. Whenever churches face hardship or challenge, strengthen us in affection within and between denominations. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for the beauty of spring, and we stand in awe of even the hungry cicadas. Wherever creation is beckoning us to lives of ecological restraint, teach us your care of our earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for all efforts to achieve peace throughout the world. Wherever violence prevails, wherever brutality silences protest, wherever prejudice reigns, wherever the rich oppress the poor, lead us and all nations into the ways of justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for the gradual lessening of the pandemic and for your gift of vaccines. Wherever the virus still rages (especially India, Turkey, and South America), wherever medical resources are depleted, wherever medical advice is rejected, extend the power of your healing hand. Be present with all who today will die, and visit all who are sick or suffering, especially those we name before you now, silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for the loving support of mothers to their children. Bless mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, and all of each gender who give mothering care. Protect mothers in societies where women have few rights. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot mother a child. Wherever children are deprived of mothering, provide responsible and affectionate care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for calling yourself our friend. Receive now the petitions of our own hearts . . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for the witness of all who have died in the faith, especially for Nicolaus Zinzendorf, the apostle Matthias, and those we name in our hearts. Keep us united with all your children until we join them in your presence forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## ✠PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

# Meal

## ✠GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

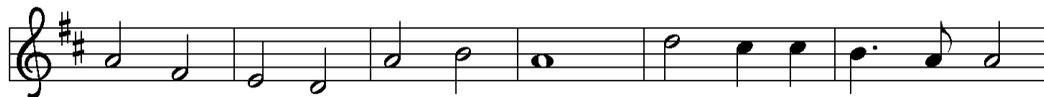
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Setting 4, p. 153) See Next Page**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**✠ Eucharistic Prayer**

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ✠ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### ✠ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### ✠ COMMUNION HYMN – *Ubi caritas et amor* (ELW #642)

*Where True Charity and Love Abide*

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Where true charity and love abide,  
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

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### ✠ BLESSING

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ SENDING HYMN – United at the Table (ELW #498) *Unidos en la fiesta*

#### *Refrain*

Unidos en la fiesta,  
la alegría se hace canción.  
Unidos en la fe,  
la alegría se hace oración.

- 1 We will praise God, we will sing  
alleluias with hymns and with psalmody;  
we will praise God for the love  
that sustains us eternally. *Refrain*
- 2 We will praise God, we will feast  
at the bountiful table of life and grace;  
we will praise God and give thanks  
for communion with ev'ry race. *Refrain*
- 3 We will praise God, we will play  
alleluias with rhythm and instruments;  
we will praise God for the love  
that invites all creation to dance. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

United at the table:  
all our joy is joined in song.  
United in the faith:  
all our joy to God belongs.

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## ✠ DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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