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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 16, 2021**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

Sonata

George Handel

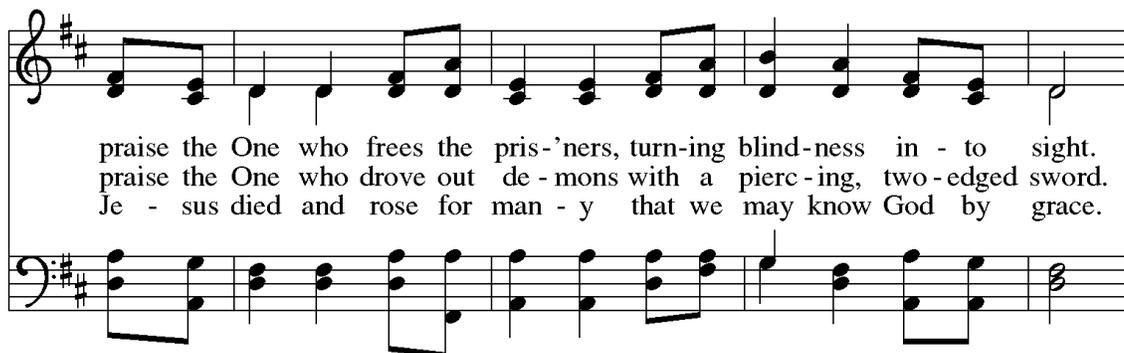
**WELCOME**

## OPENING HYMN

### Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



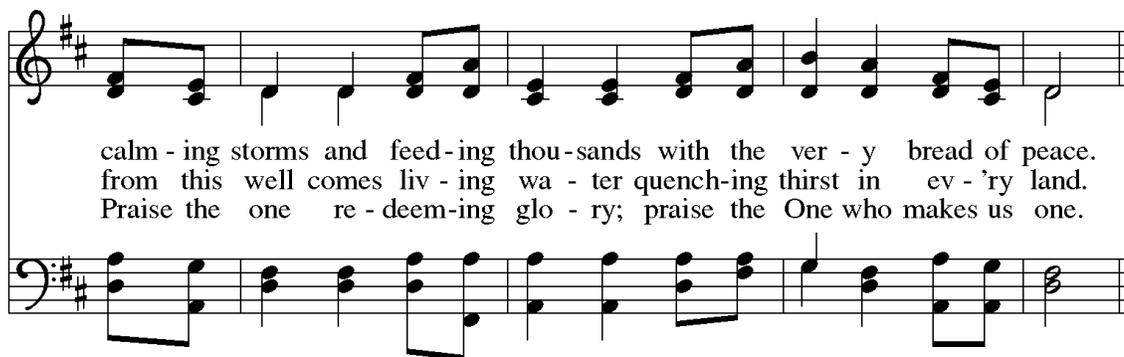
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955  
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813  
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**GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

**KYRIE**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

# HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir- it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

**Amen.**

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S SONG

Down in my heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?)

Down in my heart.

Down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. (Where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

## FIRST READING

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

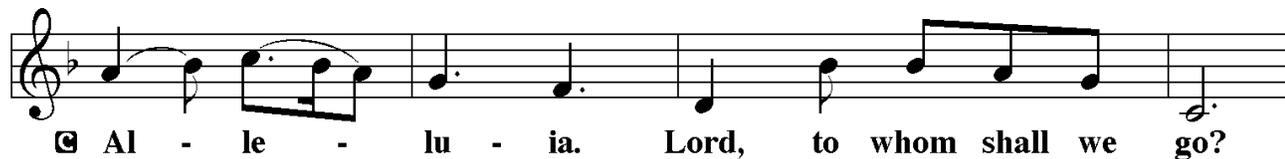
A reading from the book of The Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Lord is risen! The Word is alive.

**God will meet us on our journey.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL LESSON

John 17: 6 -19

The Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

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. 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. 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. 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

HYMN OF THE DAY  
Lead Me, Guide Me

Proclaim  
Doris Akers

*Refrain*



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

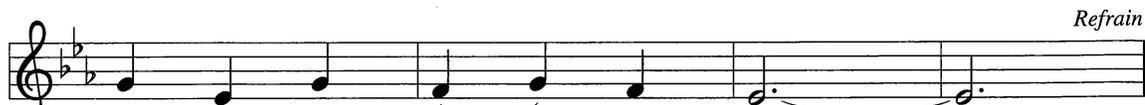


to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Music: Doris Akers

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME  
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Prayer Response**

Hear us, O God

**Your mercy is great.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Alleluia! Love Is Alive

Proclaim

Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart, Steve Angrisano

People of God see the morning is new  
Rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb  
Come and see come and see He is alive  
A grave that is empty a promise fulfilled  
God who was with us is here with us still  
He is here He is here He is alive

Alleluia love is alive  
Conquered the grave and defeated the night  
Alleluia love is alive  
The Son has arisen for all  
Your people sing alleluia

People of God let your fear fall away  
Your chains have been broken abandon your shame  
Lift your hearts lift your hearts He is alive  
Here now is mercy embracing your soul  
Here the fulfillment that once was foretold  
It is true it is true He is alive

People of God now rejoicing in Christ  
Carry your joy to the darkness of night  
Tell the world tell the world He is alive  
Hear the good news of this glorious day  
Every heart singing as heaven proclaims  
He is Lord He is Lord He is alive

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### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of love, you call us beloved children  
and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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."

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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**

**WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION**

Give to one another the bread, “Body of Christ given for you.”  
Give to one another the wine, “Blood of Christ shed for you.”

**BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God’s grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION**

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. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.  
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.



Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.  
Music: African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

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## SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

Ancient of Days

arr. Phillip Keveren

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