The Eve of the Seventh Sunday of Easter May 11, 2024 5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



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The congregation says and prays those portions of the liturgy in **bold italics**.

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Prelude

Allemande in G major

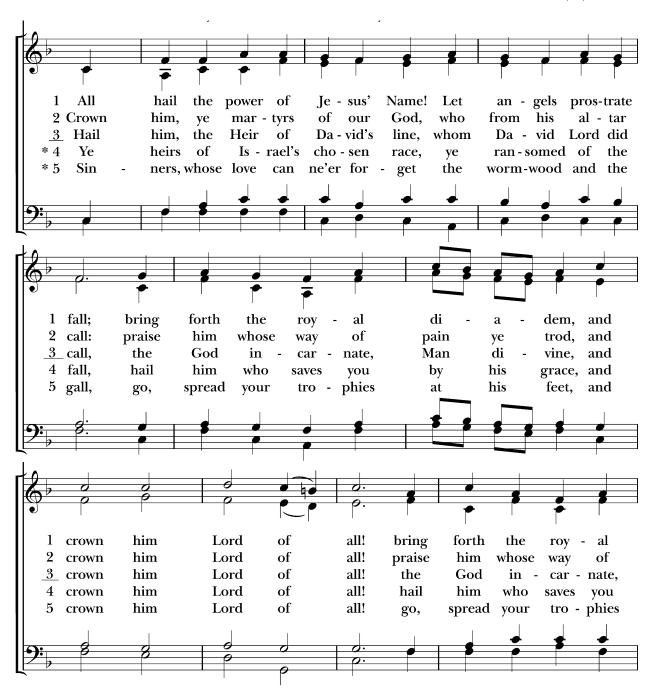
J.S. Bach

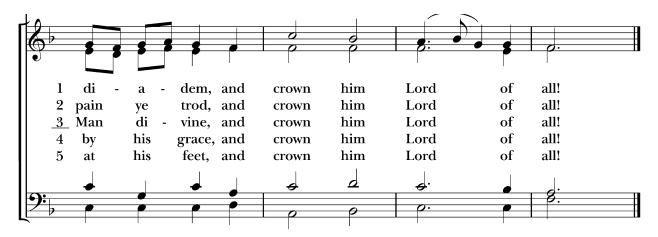
The people stand as able for the procession

Processional

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Hymnal 450 verses 1, 2, 3 and 6





6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

The Word of God

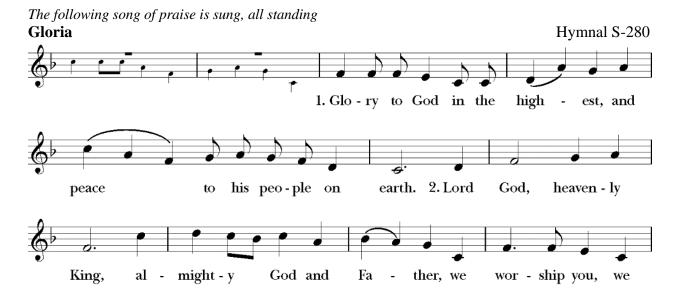
The people remain standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant and People pray

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.





The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

A Collect for Mother's Day (The Rev. Leslie Nipps)

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God

for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms.

We pray for all the mothers present with us today;

We pray for our own mothers, those living and those who have died;

for the mothers who loved us

and for those who fell short of loving us fully;

we pray for all who hope to be mothers someday,

and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated;

we pray for all mothers who have lost children;

we pray for all women who have mothered others in any way;

we pray for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance.

We pray this all in the name of God,

our great and loving Creator. Amen.

The First Lesson The people sit.

Acts 1:15-17;21-26

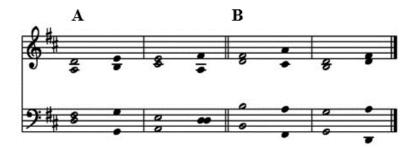
In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among 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 Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit



- 1 A Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 B Their delight is in the law of the / LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 A They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; * everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 B It is not so with the / wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows a-/way.
- 5 A Therefore, the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 B For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous, * but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

The Epistle 1 John 5:9-13

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. 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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

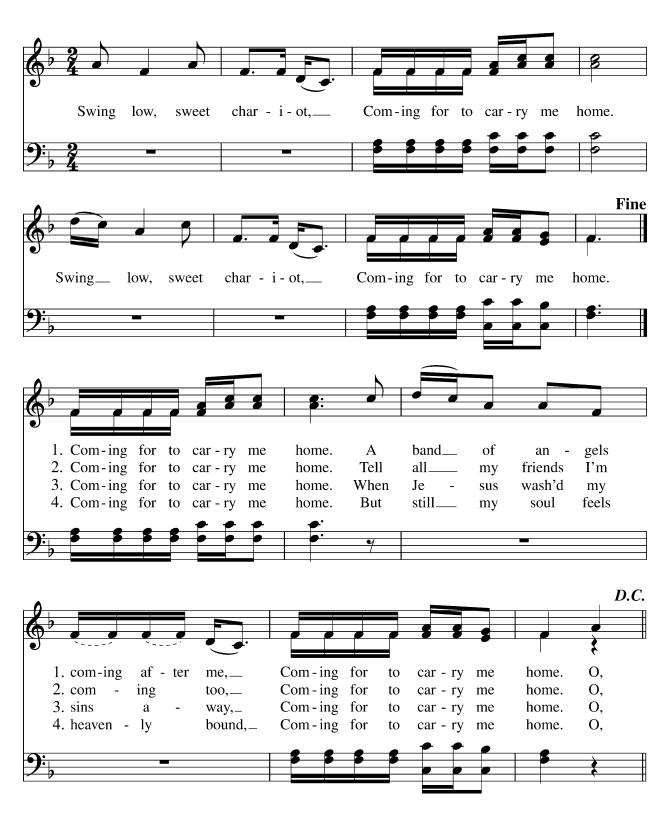
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Swing low, sweet chariot

LEVAS 18

The people stand



The Holy Gospel John 17:6-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. Bill Combs

The Nicene Creed

People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to Will Noel, and all the departed, eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We pray for health and wholeness for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, remembering especially Helen, Larry, Vernon, Sharon, Bob, Susan, John, Jim, Steve, Lewis, Lynne, Judy, Maria, Ben and those on the Redeemer prayer list.

We give thanks for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth, especially John Cawthon and Tracy Kohler, and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage, especially Gail and Don Clary and Lu and Eddie Byrd. We praise you for the windfalls of birth, and wedded life. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People together,
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands, saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The People stand for the Peace

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

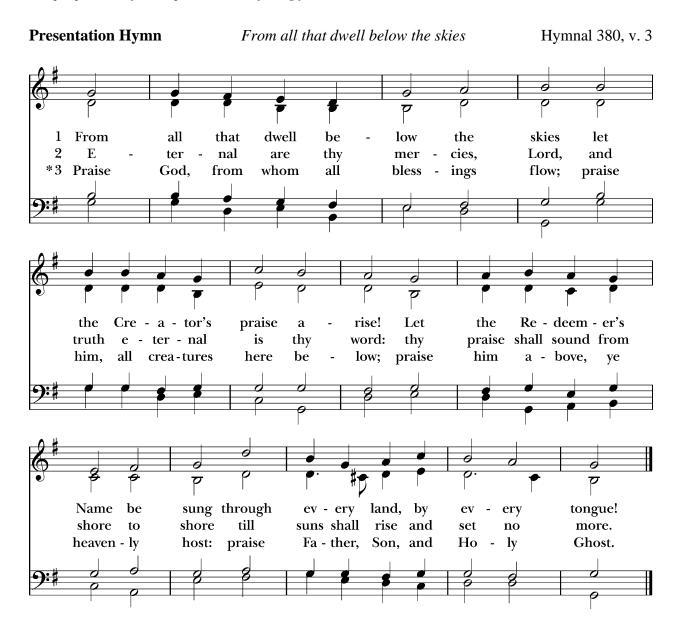
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory And Andante A. Freyer

The people stand for the presentation of the gifts



The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

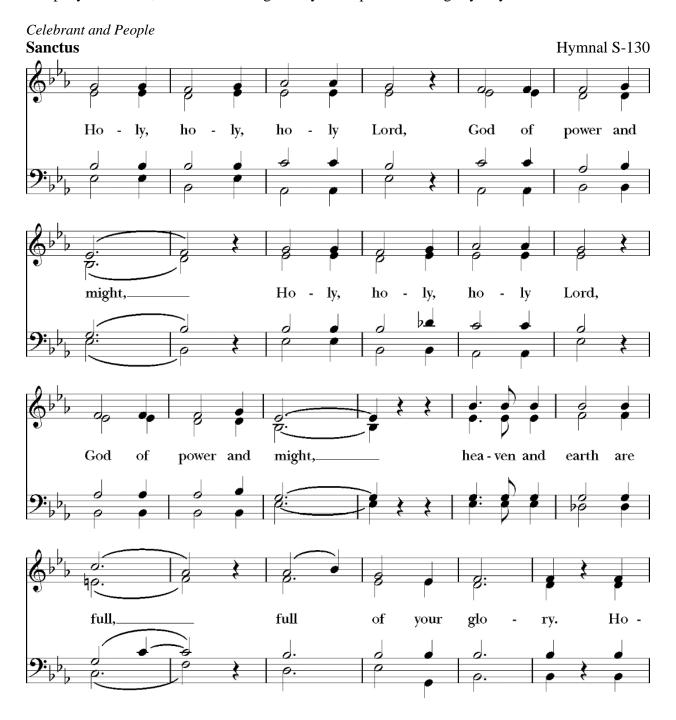
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

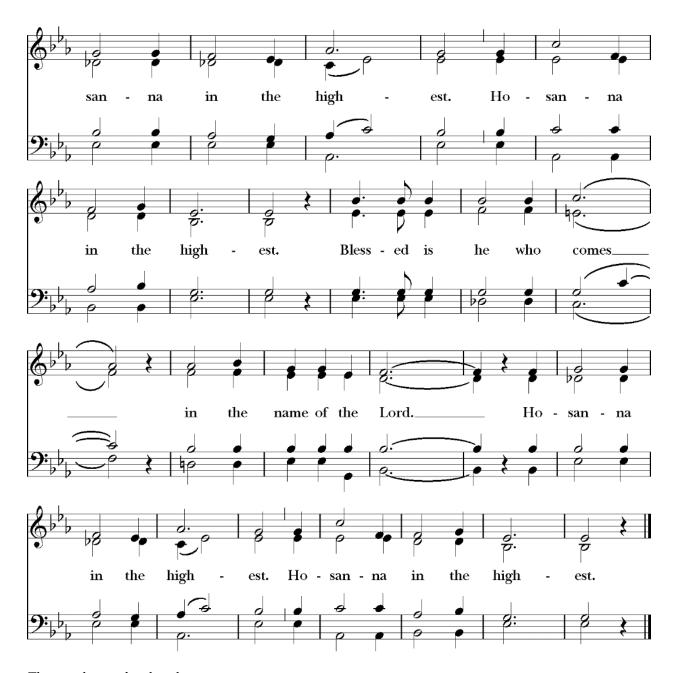
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The people stand or kneel Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

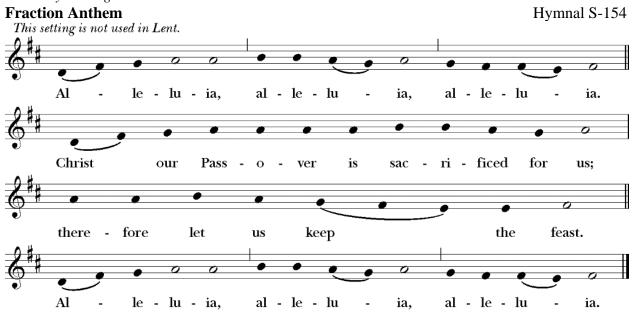
People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung



Facing the congregation, the Priest invites them to the table The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Andante moderto E. Batiste

All are welcomed to receive Communion by coming to the altar rail and extending their hands together toward the priest for the bread. To receive the wine, you may guide the chalice to your lips at the altar rail, or, if you prefer, you may intinct (dip) your bread in the separate chalice held by the acolyte on the left (facing the altar). If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, please still come to the altar, cross your arms over your chest, and we will share in a prayer of blessing.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

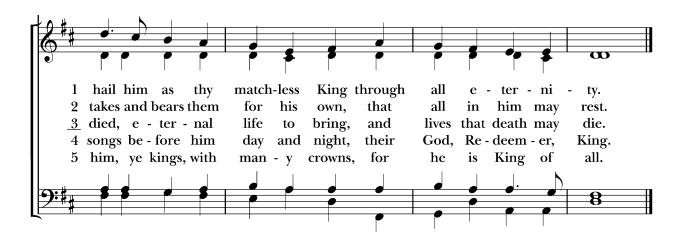
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. *Amen*.





The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Rest in the Lord J.S. Bach