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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

### † Welcome

### \*† Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)*

P: Holy God,

**C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### \*† Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" TFBF 97

*1 I heard an old, old story  
How a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me*

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*And I heard about His groaning  
Of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory*

*Refrain:  
O victory in Jesus  
My Savior, forever  
He sought me and He bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood*

*2 I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea  
About the angels singing  
And the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory [Refrain]*

**\*† Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Kyrie**

A: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy,**

*A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen**

**\*† Hymn of Praise**

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.*

*Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**\*† 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.**

*~God's Word~*

**† First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas' treachery and death.*

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"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 — <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when

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he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”<sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.<sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen<sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

† **Psalm: Psalm 1; refrain, Ps. 1:6**

*Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.*

<sup>1</sup>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!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

† **Second Reading: 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.

\*† **Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

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**\*† Holy 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.*

[Jesus prayed:] <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 be to you, praise be to you, praise be to you, O Christ*

**† Choir Anthem: “Jesus, We Give You the Glory”**

**† Sermon: The Rev. Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor**

**† Sermon Hymn: “Low in the Grave He Lay” TFBF 94**

*1 Low in the grave he lay,  
Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day,*

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*Jesus my Lord.*

*Refrain:*

*Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor over death's domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*2 Vainly they watch his bed,  
Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus my Lord. [Refrain]*

*3 Death cannot keep its prey,  
Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord. [Refrain]*

*~ Prayer ~*

**\*† The Apostles' Creed**

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

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

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**the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*† Prayers of the People**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (*especially*) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction (*especially*). Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (*especially*). Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

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hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**\*† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*~ Meal ~*

**\*† The 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.**

A: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**\*† Words of Institution**

**\*† 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**

**† Holy Communion**

**P: The gifts of God for the people of God.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

**† Communion Hymn: "He is Lord"**

*He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead  
and he is Lord;  
ev'ry knee shall bow,*

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*ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead  
and he is Lord;  
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ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord*

**\*† Post Communion Blessing**

*(After all have returned to their places:)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

**\*† Post Communion Canticle**

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes  
have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to  
reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to  
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.  
Amen.*

**\*† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our  
journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your  
good news and serve others in your name.

C: **Amen.**

**\*† Benediction**

**† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements**

**\*† Hymn: "Guide My Feet" TFBF 153**

*1 Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race.*

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*Guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*2 Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*4 I'm your child while I run this race.  
I'm your child while I run this race.  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*5 Search my heart while I run this race.  
Search my heart while I run this race.  
Search my heart while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

**\*† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7PM via Zoom. Next session will be Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM. Contact Valerie Slack or Pastor Dianne if you like to volunteer.
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2PM - 3:30PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM.
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** will host their annual **Women's Day Program** on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Theme: "Women of Faith: Empowered by the Spirit". Colors of the Day are White accented with Red. Guest speaker will be Rev. Dorothy Patterson.
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be held Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Youth Ministry Catechism 101** will be Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Join in the Anniversary Celebration. Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized legacy name plate on your selected pew. \$500 for center aisle; \$300 for window aisle. Contact Tina Richardson at 201-435-9807 for more info.
- ◆ You may pay your Tithes & Offerings via Cash App \$TrinityLCJC or online at <http://www.trinityjerseycity.com>
- ◆ **For pastoral care call Pastor Dianne Lewis at 201.435.9807**

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