

# The Order of Service: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

**Prelude** *The Mountains Shall Sing*

Dale Wood  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Organ

## Opening Acclamation *(people unmuted)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Kindle in our hearts, O God, Christ's flame of love that never ceases, that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine forever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. *(St. Columba)*

## Hymn *Crown him with many crowns*

*Diademata*

*(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)*



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

**Collect for Purity** *(people muted)*

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.**

**Collect of the Day** *(people muted)*

*Celebrant* God 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 Reading** *Acts 1:6-14 (people muted)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 68**

*The cantor will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.*

Thomas Pavlechko  
Harlee Balajadia, Cantor

**REFRAIN:**



Sing to God, who rides up - on the clouds.

Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.  
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 presence of God.  
But let the righteous to be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.  
Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
"I Am" is that name, rejoice before God!

**REFRAIN**

In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;  
you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert place.  
O God when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,  
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.  
You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.  
Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision for the poor.

**REFRAIN**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.  
You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.  
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.  
How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Bless'd be God!

**REFRAIN**

**A Reading** *1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (people muted)*

A reading from First Peter.

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. 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. 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. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 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. 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. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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**Anthem** *O Clap Your Hands*

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people: and the nations under our feet.  
He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob when he loved.

God is gone up with a mercy noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the King of all the earth: Sing ye praises with understanding.

O clap your hands together all ye people: Clap your hands together, all ye people.

**The Gospel** *John 17:1-11 (people muted)*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Anthem** *In Christ Alone*

Brian Littrell  
Harlee Balajadia, soloist

In Christ alone will I glory  
Though I could pride myself in battles won  
For I've been blessed beyond measure  
And by His strength alone I'll overcome  
Oh, I could stop and count successes like diamonds in my hands  
But those trophies could not equal to the grace by which I stand

In Christ alone  
I place my trust  
And find my glory in the power of the cross  
In every victory  
Let it be said of me  
My source of strength  
My source of hope  
Is Christ alone

In Christ alone do I glory  
For only by His grace I am redeemed  
For only His tender mercy  
Could reach beyond my weakness to my need  
And now I seek no greater honor in just to know Him more  
And to count my gains but losses to the glory of my Lord

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**The Sermon** *(people muted)*  
*Silence follows the sermon.*

The Rev. Jane Gould

**Affirmation of Faith** *(people muted)*

**We believe in God  
who is never confined to our imagining,  
is never in bondage to our understanding  
and never kept within our dwelling places.**

**Our God is mystery  
of divine and human, bound together,  
of power and vulnerability,  
of crucifixion and resurrection.**

**Our God is the wonder  
of truth and compassion,  
of liberation and responsibility,  
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.**

**We celebrate this God who leaps free of all boundaries in love,  
stretching out beyond any barricades  
and in mercy bending deep  
into fragile human hearts.**

*(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)*

**Anthem** *Let all the world in every corner sing*

C.S. Lang

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King, my God and King!  
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King, my God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out;  
But above all the heart Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King, my God and King!

**The Prayers of the People**

*(people muted; please hold down your space bar for the response: **Peace be with them.**)*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader* Risen Lord, you greeted all you met with a word of peace; give us your Spirit to pray  
for peace for all people.

For those infected with the novel Corona Virus, and for the medical professionals caring for them:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those who have lost their jobs or have closed their businesses, and for those working in service  
jobs, public safety, and healthcare under often unsafe conditions:  
**Peace be with them.**

For Asians facing increased hostility and acts of violence due to the Corona-19 pandemic, and for the black and brown members of our community who are struggling to gain access to public benefits and healthcare, and are dying at disproportionately high rates:

**Peace be with them.**

For those suffering from anxiety and loneliness due to physical distancing:

**Peace be with them.**

For those who work at the centers of power and those who live on the margins:

**Peace be with them.**

For those overcome by war, violence, and degradation:

**Peace be with them.**

For those possessed by envy, rage, and hatred:

**Peace be with them.**

For those overwhelmed by stress, isolation, fear, illness, loss, and despair:

**Peace be with them.**

For those who desecrate the earth and those who cherish creation:

**Peace be with them.**

For those held down by sin and those lifted up by grace:

**Peace be with them.**

For those who have betrayed our trust and for those we have wronged:

**Peace be with them.**

For our friends and all who warm us with love:

**Peace be with them.**

For those who show God's love by caring for God's people and all creation:

**Peace be with them.**

For those who have died remembering especially Ingrid Stuart, Barbara Wegeman, Octaviano Salvatierra Cueto, and all those who have died recently:

**Peace be with them.**

For those whose joys and concerns we now raise up in prayer and thanksgiving.

*(please hold down your space bar to unmute yourself and add your prayers and thanksgivings)*

For those we have named aloud and those we hold in our hearts:

**Peace be with them.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** (*people unmuted*)

**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.**

**Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Blessing of the People**

May the Creator bless you and keep you;  
May the Beloved Compassion face you and have mercy upon you;  
May eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to you and give you peace;  
This day and always. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People*         **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Majesty*

arr. Joel Raney  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano