

## Communion Hymn

“Thou, who at thy first Eucharist”

Hymnal 315

## The Postcommunion Prayer *[Kneeling]*

Celebrant: 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 Easter Blessing *[Stand]*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Hymn

“Crown him with many crowns!”

Hymnal 494

## The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## Concluding Voluntary

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

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# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A

## Opening Voluntary

**Introit** *Consider O LORD, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia; unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, LORD, have I sought: Thy face, LORD, will I seek; O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia. The LORD is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be....*

*[standing]*

## The Processional Hymn

“See the Conqueror mounts in triumph”

Hymnal 215

## Opening Salutation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## Collect for Purity

Prayer Book 355

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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S278

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*[seated]*

### The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm** 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exurgat Deus*



- 1 *Lèt* *Göd* arise, and let his *énemies* *bé* scattered; \*  
let those who hate him *flée* *béfore* him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind *drives* it *áway*; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the  
*présence* *óv* God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and *rejóice* *béfore* God; \*  
let them also be *mérry* and *jóyful*.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who *rides* upon *thé* heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, *rejóice* *béfore* him!
- 5 Father of orphans, *defénder* of *widows*, \*  
God in his holy *hábitation*!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners *ín*to *fréedom*; \*  
but the rebels shall *live* in dry *pláces*.
- 7 O God, when you went forth *béfore* your *peóple*, \*  
when you *máched* through the *wilderness*,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the *Gód* of *Sínai*, \*  
at the presence of God, the *Gód* of *Ísrael*.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, *upón* your *inhéritance*; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was *wéary*.
- 10 Your *peóple* *found* their *hóme* in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made *provisión* *fór* the poor.

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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus:** Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S128

*[Kneel as able, stand ]*  
*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

**Memorial Acclamation** Therefore we proclaim the mystery the faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died*  
*Christ is risen.*  
*Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

**The Lord's Prayer**

Prayer Book 364 / Hymnal S119

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Fraction Anthem:** "Christ our Passover"

Hymnal S154

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

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.”

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

**The Sermon** *[seated]*

Cheryl Calvin Moon

**The Nicene Creed** *[Stand as able.]*

Prayer Book 358

**The Prayers of the People** (Form V) *[kneeling]*

Prayer Book 389

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

**The Confession and Absolution**

Prayer Book 360

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
 People: *And also with you.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**Anthem:** “This joyful Eastertide” arr. Alan Bullard

**Hymn:** “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!” Hymnal 451

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Eucharistic Prayer** (Prayer A)

Prayer Book 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
 People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
 People: *We 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.*

*[kneeling]*  
 Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
 sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
 his majesty is over Israel;  
 his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
 Blessed be God! *[Ant.]*

**The Epistle** 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: *Thanks be to God.*

**The Sequence Hymn** “The head that once was crowned”

Hymnal 483



**Alleluia Verse:** *Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;  
 death hath no more dominion over him. (choir)*

✠ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint John** 17:1-11

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