

**Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place**  
**=== Morning Prayer ===**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 16, 2021**  
**The Sunday after Ascension Day**  
**The Season of Easter**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**Opening Hymn** – Gather #492, "Here I Am, Lord," v. 1 & 2

Verse 1:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
(to Refrain)

Verse 2:

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(to Refrain)

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

Officiant Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*1 Corinthians 15:57*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** ***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.***

Priest 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.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.  
**Response** ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

*All            Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Officiant    Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him.  
Alleluia.*

**Christ our Passover**    *Pascha nostrum*  
*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

**Psalm**    *Psalm 1    Beatus vir qui non abiit*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*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!  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.*

*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.*

*It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*

*Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## The New Testament – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*Reader: A reading from 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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

***Response Thanks be to God.***

## The Epistle – 1 John 5:9-13

*Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.*

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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

***Response Thanks be to God.***

## \*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia

*After a brief introduction, sing two times through*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**The Gospel** – *John 17:6-19*

Officiant     The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**Response**    *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.”

Officiant     The Gospel of our Savior.

**Response**    *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**A Reflection** – Rev. Lois

**10 The Second Song of Isaiah** *Querite Dominum* *Isaiah 55:6-11*

*A Reader leads the canticle recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;\**  
*call upon him when he draws near.*

*Let the wicked forsake their ways \**  
*and the evil ones their thoughts;*

*And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \**  
*and to our God, for he will richly pardon.*

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \**  
*nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \**  
*so are my ways higher than your ways,*  
*and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \**  
*and return not again, but water the earth,*

*Bringing forth life and giving growth, \**  
*seed for sowing and bread for eating,*

*So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
We 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 to the dead.  
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.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

**Response**    *And also with you.*

Officiant     Let us pray.

**All**           *Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

### **Suffrage B**

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Doxology**

**All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Reader:* O Lord, you lift us up and have blessed us with the ministry of this church. We thank you for our priest-in-charge Lois, our leaders, and our teachers who nurture us spiritually. We thank you for each member who uses their spiritual gifts to bless others. We thank you for the rich fellowship we enjoy with each other and corporately with you. With grateful hearts, we give our offerings to you to support the ministry of Christ the Lord Church in our community and worldwide. **Amen.**

*At this time, please add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Officiant: 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 Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church**

*Reader:* Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer Commemorating Thurgood Marshall**

*Reader:* Eternal and ever-gracious God, who blessed your servant Thurgood Marshall with grace and courage to discern and speak the truth: Grant that, following his example, we may know you and recognize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Mission**

*Reader:* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom [KRIS-us-tum]**

*Reader:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn** – Hymnal #335, “I Am the Bread of Life,” v. 1, 4 & 5

Verse 1:

I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.

*(to Refrain)*

Verse 4:

I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever.

*(to Refrain)*

Refrain:

And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up  
on the last day.

Verse 5:

Yes, Lord we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God  
who has come  
into the world.

*(to Refrain)*

Officiant     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***     *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Announcements**

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!  
Check your email from Sandy for details.