



THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE *of* DIVINE WORSHIP

—The Seventh Sunday *after* Pentecost—

Sunday, July 07, *Anno Domini* 2024
08:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. ✠ The Sanctuary

✠ *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*

The People's responses are printed in bold.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

*As the service begins, you are invited to quiet your thoughts
and prayerfully center your attention on the worship of Almighty God.*

— ENTRANCE —

*We rest our hearts
in God's presence
as we prepare for
worship.*

*We celebrate God's
presence with us.*

SILENT PRAYER *of* PREPARATION *for* WORSHIP

Lord, You host us at Your table with open arms, and bid us to welcome others in turn. Give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbors and the strangers we meet. Open our ears, our hands, our eyes, and our hearts, to the strangers in our midst. Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves. Forgive us for our selfishness, for our silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to our communities. Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way You do. *Amen.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep from Singing?)

Worship is our response to a relationship we don't deserve. Jesus tells us that we are to worship God in spirit and truth.
(John 4.24)

God initiates first and we respond and bear witness in song to all that God is and has done
(Colossians 3.16).

In preparation to partake of Holy Communion, we acknowledge our need of forgiveness and renewal through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ
(I John 1.8-10).

✠ **CALL to WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels unawares. (Hebrews 13.1-2)

People: **We will be hospitable to one another without grumbling and complaining.** (from I Peter 4.9)

Recall now these words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."
(from Matthew 25.35)

Therefore, we will welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God. (from Romans 15.7)

May we all reach to welcome the world by God's grace;
to welcome the world with God's loving embrace!

✠ **GATHERING HYMN of ADORATION**

NATIONAL HYMN

No. 698

God of the Ages

CONFESSION of SIN

Liturgist: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God and one another:

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection and private confession.)

Liturgist: Most merciful God our Father,

People: **we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient Church.

We have not done Your will,

we have broken Your Law,

we have rebelled against Your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Just as we stand in
a court of law for
sentencing, so too
we stand to hear
that God comforts
us and promises
forgiveness and
pardon in Christ
(John 20.23).*

*We enjoy and
extend the peace of
Christ to one
another
(John 14.27).*

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✦ **ASSURANCE of GOD'S PARDON**

Liturgist: Repent and believe the Good News of the Gospel: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. By the blood of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God! AMEN!**

✦ **THE PEACE of THE LORD**

Liturgist: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love...

✦ **ACCLAMATION of PRAISE**

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be:
world with - out end. A - men. A - MEN!

— PROCLAMATION *of* GOD'S WORD —

*We humbly ask the
Holy Spirit to
prepare our hearts
and minds to
receive God's Word
as it is read and
proclaimed.*

PRAYER *for* **ILLUMINATION**

Lector: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Together, let us pray:

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and Your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joyful and obedient hearts
what You say to us today. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lector: ...Word of God, Word of life:

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leviticus 19.33-34

(Pew Bible, p. 107)

✦ **SEQUENCE HYMN** *of* **PREPARATION**

No. 437

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

✦ **GOSPEL LESSON**

Preacher: ...This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 14.7-14

(p. 77)

SERMON

The **Apostles' Creed** is a variant of an ancient baptismal confession dating back to the 2nd century AD.

*Traditional use includes: "He descended to the dead/into hell."

**"quick" means "living"

***"catholic" means "universal; Christian"

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— RESPONSE to GOD'S HOLY WORD —

✦ AFFIRMATION of OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick** and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic*** Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

by Ed Scibilia

Improvisation

✦ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



Be pre-sent at Thy ta - ble, Lord; Be here and ev-ery-where a - dored;
Thy crea-tures bless, and grant that we may feast in Par-a-dise with Thee! *A-MEN!*

✦ THE SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*As recipients of
God's grace, we
give back to God a
portion of what is
already His (I
Corinthians 16.2).*

...we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy 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!**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again!**

...all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
AMEN!

✦ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

from Matthew 6.9-13

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. *Amen.*]

✦ **BREAKING THE BREAD**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

All are invited to come and receive our Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion via intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of grape juice before consuming the elements.) A gluten-free station is available in the center. Please come forward at the direction of the usher via the center aisle. You may wish to kneel for prayer before returning to your seat via the side aisle.

✦ INVITATION to THE LORD'S TABLE

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of Almighty God and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort.

✦ GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. *Amen.*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMNS during DISTRIBUTION

No. 616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

HURSLEY

No. 620

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

— SENDING FORTH —

✦ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ;
And for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of Your Son,
and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to
do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord.
To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

✦ SENDING HYMN of DEDICATION

No. 514

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

WEBB

*We go out with joy
and purpose in the
Lord.*

✠ **BENEDICTION & COMMISSION** *into* **THE MISSION FIELD**
(*You are invited to bow your head and extend your hands for the blessing.*)

POSTLUDE

arr. Judy Collins

Both Sides Now

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—ANNOUNCEMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES—

THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST MUSICIAN, Ed Scibilia for using his talents to lead us in worship.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY NEXT Sunday during worship. With 171 days until Christmas, we will gather to celebrate Christ's Incarnation and sing beloved Christmas carols. A love offering will also be received to assist in funding special music and musicians for the Christmas season.

SPIRIT SERIES BIBLE STUDIES

- @ Trinity Oaks on Mondays (July 08) from 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- @ Oak Park on Mondays (July 08) from 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- @ FUMC on Wednesdays (July 10) from 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

CHURCH STREET MARKET THIS WEDNESDAY from 4:00pm – 6:00pm on the Front Lawn. Invite a neighbor or friend to join you!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCOVERY ONLINE via Zoom on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up at: <https://tinyurl.com/2xfmn7z3>.



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