

7th Sunday of Easter - Online Service

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WELCOME & EASTER GREETING:

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HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story* (ELW 661)

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
 of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
 it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
 what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
 I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
 the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
 seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
 I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray. **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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, O Christ.**

REFLECTION: (for the text, visit www.raspberryman.wordpress.com, “Answering Jesus’ prayer”)

HYMN: *Blest be the Tie that Binds* (ELW 656)

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
2. Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

PRAYERS OF PETITIONⁱ:

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need, saying: Lord in your mercy and responding: **hear our prayer.**

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Protect the vulnerable and come to the aid of those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage to all those who risk their lives daily to care for others. Grant safety to those working in hospitals, grocery stores, nursing homes, and in any public spaces. Assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;
and 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 forever. **Amen.**

HYMN: *You Are Mine* (ELW 581)

1. "I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."
2. "I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."

Refrain

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

3. "I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name."
Refrain

4. "I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

BLESSING:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you in grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION: "Morning Has Broken"

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ⁱ Prayers adapted from Sundays and Seasons (Augsburg Fortress)