

HEARTS @ HOME



A Worship Service for Your Household

Sunday May 16, 2021

Easter Week 7

RCL: John 17:6-19

+ GATHERING +

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS +

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

AMEN

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done, and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

+ PRAYER +

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

+ SCRIPTURE +

+ **John 17:6-19**

+ **Spark Story Bible:** The Ascension (Page 498-499)

+ **Northwest Synod of Wisconsin App:** Click the 'Bible' tab at the bottom.

+ REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD +

Option 1: Click on your congregation's online weekly sermon video & watch it together

Option 2: Use the following questions for in-home conversation or personal reflection

Questions:

- + Where is your favorite place to pray? What draws you to that space?
- + In what way have you seen God's love transform you or someone you know?
- + Describe a time when a ministry at your church was transformed.
- + What questions do you have or what do you wonder about the life of Jesus?

+ APOSTLES' CREED +

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living 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.

+ PRAYERS +

With all the people of God, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

- + God who is always present, we give thanks for the changing seasons; for the budding trees, the nesting birds, the aroma of neighborhood grills, and households busy with gardens, sidewalk chalk, and window cleaning. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + Healing Spirit, we continue to pray for those who are ill, grieving, lonely, tired, and weary. Be present with them, surround them with care, and grant them peace that only Christ can give. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
- + God of justice, we pray for the well-being of all your people; for those who lack employment, food or shelter, for those whose lives are endangered by unfair policies or abusive circumstances, and for those who are feeling helpless. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + We pray for our congregations, loving God; for church leaders of all kinds, for thoughtful decision-making, and for people of faith who continue to worship in the safety of their homes but remain connected to the body of Christ through faith. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + *Add your own prayers here...*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **AMEN.**

+ OFFERING +

As people of faith we are called to continue strengthening the ministry of the church, even when we are physically distant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to your congregation or the synod – as the body of Christ we work together to serve our neighbors.

+ LORD'S PRAYER +

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 forever. **AMEN.**

+ BLESSING EACH OTHER +

Using your pointer finger, dip it in the bowl of water, and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead or the back of their hand saying, **"You are a beloved child of God."**
Take turns until each household member has been blessed.

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