

## Easter 07

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### Celebrate (Introduction)

*"In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family."*

Opening Hymn: [ELW 424 - Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones](#)

### Prayer of the Day

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.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 864 - Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven](#)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: [Acts 1:6-14](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Praise and Thanksgiving

**To the leader. Of David. A Psalm. A Song.**

<sup>1</sup> Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee before him.

<sup>2</sup> As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;  
as wax melts before the fire,  
let the wicked perish before God.

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be joyful;  
let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy.

<sup>4</sup> Sing to God; sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds<sup>[a]</sup>—

his name is the LORD—  
be exultant before him.

<sup>5</sup> Father of orphans and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.

<sup>6</sup> God gives the desolate a home to live in;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious live in a parched land.

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went out before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup> Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;  
you restored your heritage when it languished;

<sup>10</sup> your flock found a dwelling in it;

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*

<sup>33</sup> O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel  
and whose power is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> Awesome is God in his<sup>[a]</sup> sanctuary,  
the God of Israel;  
he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** [1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11](#)

**The Gospel:** [John 17:1-11](#)

**Hymn:** [ELW 517 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word](#)

**The Message:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

**Offering\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**The Prayer**

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Mary Kissh, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

**Closing Hymn:** [ELW 424 - Jesus Shall Reign](#)

**Announcements**

- **Potluck Dinner with Channing Memorial Church** - 6/17/2023 5 pm
- **Clean-Up Day** – 6/24/2023 10 am
- **Frederick Keys Game** – 7/8/2023 6 pm (fireworks following)

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