# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

8:00am & 10:30am



Drogo Sacramentary, c. 850, Paris

As we gather before the service begins, we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.

Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.

Hymnals are located in the pew in front of you.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude** Allegro - from Concerto in B-minor (after Vivaldi RV275)

Wayne Hatwich, organist

J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

**Opening Hymn** 

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor

Hymn #307

(stand as you are able)

#### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets

are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our

Lord. Amen.

#### The Gloria in Excelsis

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria S-278



#### Collect for The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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* 

## The Lessons

## New Testament A Reading from Acts

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God



#### Psalm 68:1-4, 9-10, 33-36

1 Let God arise, and let his / enemies be scattered; \* let those who hate him / flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives / it away; \* as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish / at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice / before God; \* let them also be / merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides up-/ on the heavens; \* YAHWEH is his Name, / rejoice before him!

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-/ heritance; \* you refreshed the land / when it was weary.

10 Your people found their / home in it; \* in your goodness, O God, you have made / pro-vision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms / of the earth; \* sing / praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the /heavens, the ancient heavens; \* he sends forth his / voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe / <u>power</u> to God; \* his majesty is over Israel; his / strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his / holy places! \* the God of Israel giving strength and power to his / people! <u>Blessed</u> be God!

Glory to the Father and / to the Son,\* And / to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the be-/ ginning, is now,\* And will / be for ever. Amen.

#### **New Testament**

#### A Reading from First Peter

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

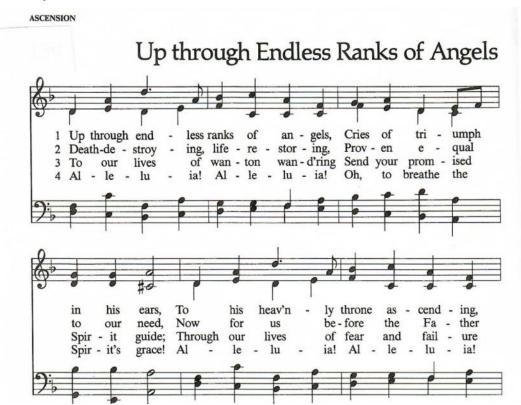
**B**eloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual Hymn



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# The Gospel

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

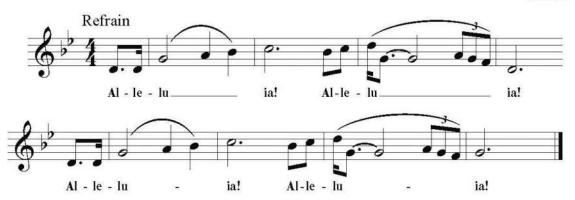
John 17:1-11

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

"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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 



(seated)

#### Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

#### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Ann, Linnea, Patrick, Jan, Naomi, Colin, Ron, Karen, Pete, and the victims of gun violence.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Sonny.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs, for those of others, and for those celebrating birthdays, especially Jody *Stock* (05/21) and Janet *Wanninger* (05/23).

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### Offertory Anthem

#### Ascension Carol

Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

Now Christ our Lord is King, to heav'n this day ascending.
 Our praises we will sing, with angel-voices blending.
 In joy to tune our strain with all our might endeavour.
 This parting brings no pain! For Christ is ours for ever.

2. As priest he intercedes and lifts our hearts to glory.
Our witness now he needs, to tell the world his story.
In joy to tune our strain with all our might endeavour.
This parting brings no pain! For Christ is ours for ever.

(8:00 am spoken)

#### Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord. *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

(10:30am sung)

## Offertory Response

Hymn #191

vs. 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord be with you. Celebrant:

And also with you. People: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Celebrant:

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



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Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

> Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

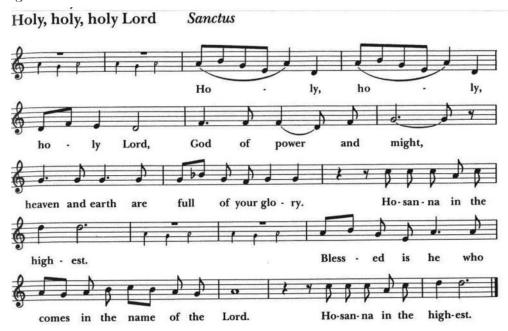
#### Sanctus (8:00am spoken)

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.



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Celebrant:

**A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

#### Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Blessing (†)

Celebrant: **M**ay almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.* 

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

(standing)

#### Recessional Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise

Hymn #214

#### Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Trumpet Tune on Llanfair Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

# Note about the cover

The earliest depiction of the Ascension is that of Christ marching forth on a mountain, grasping hold of a hand that pierces the earthly frame through the clouds. The hand, undoubtedly, is that of God the father. Christ, having completed His earthly mission, was welcomed by His Heavenly Father into His glorious kingdom. This depiction can be dated to the 4th century.

# **Announcements**

# Wear Red on Sunday May 28th for Pentecost

Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm on Zoom. Book group will read "The Great Fire" by Shirley Hazzard. The Great Fire is an extraordinary love story set in the immediate aftermath of the great conflagration of the Second World War. In war-torn Asia and stricken Europe, men and women, still young but veterans of harsh experience, must reinvent their lives and expectations, and learn, from their past, to dream again.

Book Club will also meet via zoom July 11th at 7pm. July's book is "Many Lives Many Masters" by Brian L. Weiss. As a traditional psychotherapist, Dr. Brian Weiss was astonished and skeptical when one of his patients began recalling past-life traumas that seemed to hold the key to her recurring nightmares and anxiety attacks. His skepticism was eroded, however, when she began to channel messages from the "space between lives," which contained remarkable revelations about Dr. Weiss' family and his dead son. Using past-life therapy, he was able to cure the patient and embark on a new, more meaningful phase of his own career.

<u>Dining Out Group will meet next Thursday, May 25 at 11:30.</u> We will dine out next at Alchemy's at Alden Golf Club on Reid Farm Road enjoying the lush green rolling hills, peaceful ponds, and wildlife as well as their menu. Call Mary to make your reservation. All welcome.

Thursday, May 25th 6:00 - 8:00 pm Central United Methodist Church is hosting a dinner and discussion group sponsored by the Anti-Racism Task Force. Cost \$5 (payable at the door) Meal, presentation by Dr. Wonhee Anne Joh, panel discussion and table discussions around Asian History and Culture. Before attending the event, it is recommended to watch the documentary Being Asian in America by Pew Research Center. In a new Pew Research Center analysis based on 66 focus groups conducted in the fall of 2021, Asian American participants described navigating their own identity in a nation where the label "Asian" brings expectations about their origins, behavior and physical self.

<u>The women of the parish have not gathered</u> for a time of rest, reflection, and socializing these past few years, and Diane would like to facilitate a Women's Retreat from September 8-10. If you are interested, please speak with her.

In the drawer in the Narthex we have a supply of Narcan available with instruction on how to use.

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# Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman

1st Reading: Theresa Sinks 2nd Reading: Theresa Sinks

Prayers of the People: Mary Dammann

Altar Guild: Nancy Smith

Usher: Cheryl Rogers & Owen Carter

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