

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020

Thanksgiving & Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Gathering

Call to Worship

One Voice: We have gathered —
new followers and lifelong disciples,
the powerful and the powerless,
those who have too little
and those who have too much.

**Many Voices: We have gathered,
for we are one in Christ.**

One: We have come —
seekers and skeptics, sinners and saints,
the poor in spirit and the rich in faith.

**Many: We have come,
for we are eager to hear God's word.**

One: We are here, together.

Many: Let us glorify the one true God.

Confession and Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you long for us to be one, just as you and the Father are one. But we gravitate towards those who think like us, behave like us, pray like us, because it is easier than looking beyond difference to discover what is good and kind and faithful in those we call the other. Even in our houses of worship, we are slow to reach across the aisle to embrace siblings in faith with whom we hold little in common.

** Moment for silent confession. **

May God forgive us, Christ befriend us,
and the Spirit renew and change our lives. Amen.

The Word

Scripture Reading *1 Peter 5:6-11*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Our God 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.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

One: We will not offer to God

Many: offerings that cost us nothing.

One: Go in peace, and serve the Lord!

Many: We will seek peace and pursue it!

One: Glory be to God who made us,
and to Christ who saved us,
and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith,

**Many: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**