



Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord!

LINSTEAD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#308 This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

*INVOCATION AND 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from ministrymatters.com)

Lord, we are impatient!
We don't want to wait for anything.
We rush our holidays,
our celebrations, our very lives,
and wonder why our spirits are exhausted and downcast.
Slow us down, Lord.
Teach us to enjoy the process of waiting.
Let us feel the power and beauty of praising you in song.
Clear away our "go-go-go" mentality
and place us on paths of peace and hope.
Forgive our arrogance and impatience.
Help us to overcome those insecurities
which pull us away from you.
As we hear the scriptures this day
in which Jesus prays for us –
let our hearts be at peace
knowing that you have taught us what we need to know
to serve God joyfully in this world.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

John 17:6-19 Pages 115-116, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord P. Scholtes/ arr. M. McDonald
(refer to the insert, and please join in singing as directed)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: Jesus said, "It is not for you to know the times or
dates the Father has set..."

Yet we keep searching for signs and omens,
trying to predict the future.

**Many: Lord, help us to live in the "now"
and serve you in the moment.**

One: Jesus prayed, "Holy Father,
protect them from the evil one."

Yet more and more we arm ourselves with weapons of
violence and destruction in hopes of protecting ourselves.

**Many: Lord, teach us again
that you are our best protection.**

One: Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth."

Yet we get distracted with debates about truth
Instead of reading and living out your Word.

Many: Lord, set us on the path to true sanctification.

**All: Holy One, we cry out "we are not in control!"
And instead we ask for the power to do your will.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#115 Praise the Name of Jesus

R. Hicks, Jr.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#409 God of Our Life

SANDON

SECOND READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Pages 122-123, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Susan Hunter

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prelude on CHRISTE SANCTORUM

B. J. Carlson

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#324 Christ High-Ascended

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Benediction

Gaelic Blessing

R.J. King

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

*POSTLUDE

Carillon

L. Vierne

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Kathy Brown;

Prayers of the People - Rose Merke;

Scripture Reading - Ryan Keay, Twyla Fletcher;

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some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that
people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday
morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council