

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Welcome

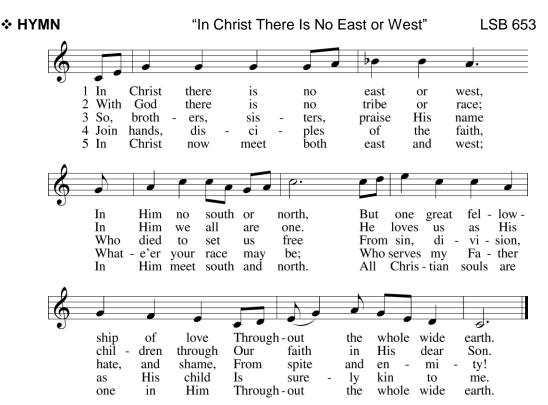
Our Savior Jesus Christ told us He was going to His Father. The first disciples saw Him do this, actually leaving them and us behind, ascending through the clouds. But they and we are to know His "going" is not exactly His "leaving." For He has not left us alone as orphans. We are to know that His real presence with us is now not by sight but by faith through His Sacraments. It is His voice we hear from now on, saying, "I forgive you all your sins." By faith we know that Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are not primarily something we do only to remember Him but the Means by which He washes us and fills us now with His righteousness. Through it all, we are formed by His cross, enduring suffering for His sake with the sure hope that, in the end, we will be with Him forever.

PRELUDE

"Meditation"

- Vierne

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS



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*** INVOCATION**

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

*** EASTER PROCLAMATION**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

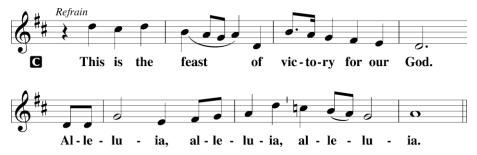
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [I John 1:8-9]

+ Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination +

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast





*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

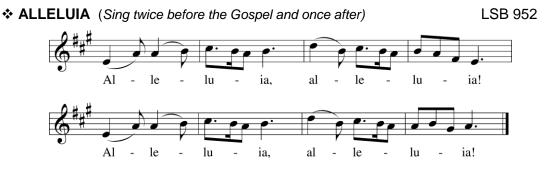
"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be soberminded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

С Thanks be to God.



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GOSPEL

John 17:1-11



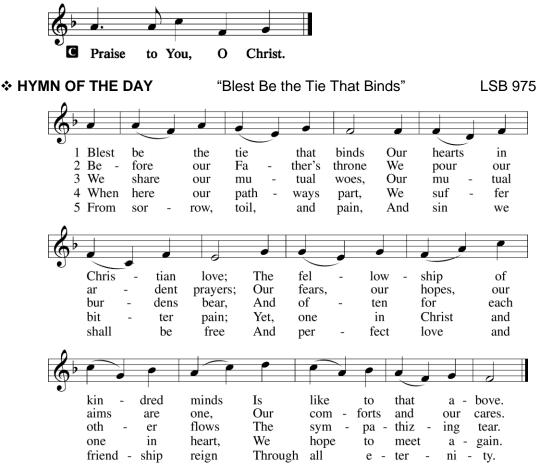
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eves to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

*** NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

OFFERING

May God look upon our Easter gifts and smile, even as we rejoice at the gift of new life which is ours in Christ Jesus!

+ Four Ways to Give +

Your gift to the Lord is an act of worship which shows your trust in God to provide for you and it shows your thankfulness for the blessings received.

- 1 On your Mobile Phone: Send a text to 77977 and type in TLCLI. Follow the instructions to send your gift today or set up a recurring gift.
- 2 Go to our website at www.TrinityHicksville.org "Giving" tab or directly to Pushpay: https://pushpay.com/g/tlchicksville?src=hpp



3 – Arrange through your financial institution's Online Banking to give through their bill-pay.

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4 – Mail in your offering through the US Post Office addressed to the following:



*** CLOSING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this time of worship, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen

us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

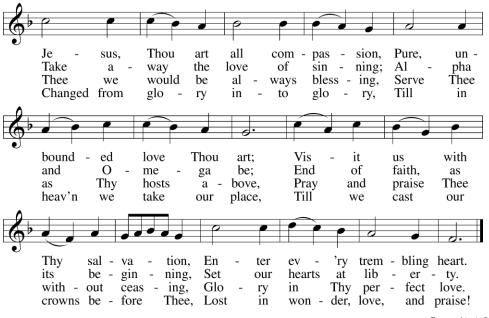
C Amen.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ++ give you peace.
 Amen.
- HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700 1 Love di vine. all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of -2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov Spir - it ing In to 3 Come. Al might - y, de - liv -Let us to er: Thy new 4 Fin ish then cre - a tion, Pure and --Fix Thy heav'n, earth come down! in to us 'ry Let all ev trou bled breast: us in all Thy life re - ceive: Sud den ly re less let be; Let Thy spot us us see dwell - ing, Thy faith - ful hum - ble All mer - cies crown. Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest. turn. and nev - er. Nev er - more Thy tem ples leave. sal - va - tion Per fect - ly re - stored great in Thee.



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✤ DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

- Willan