

# ***Seventh Sunday of Easter– May 24, 2020***

## ***GATHERING HYMN***

### ***Take My Life and Let It Be***

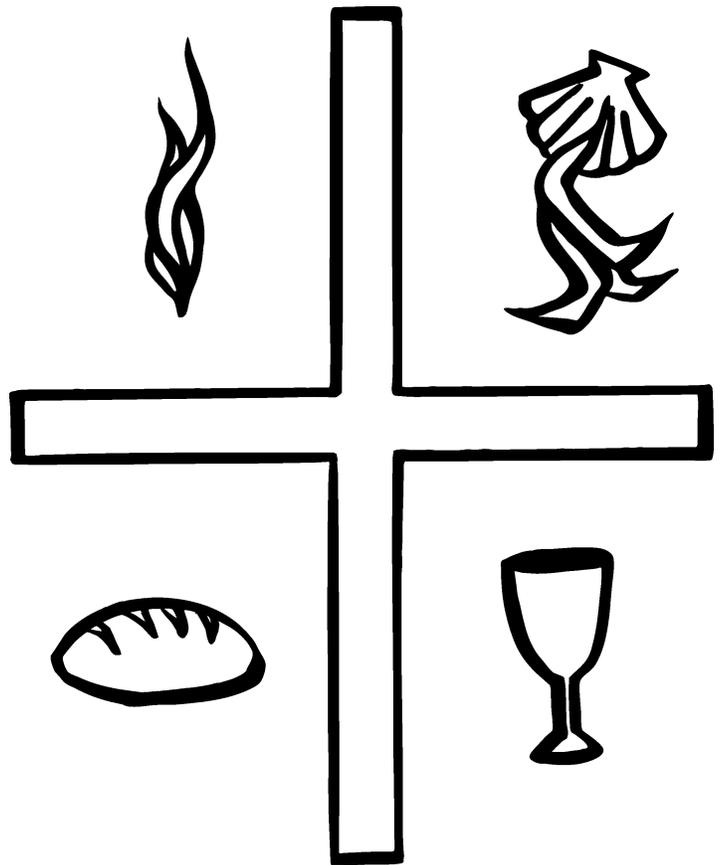
Take my life  
And let it be  
Consecrated lord to thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow  
In ceaseless praise

Take my hands  
And let them move  
At the impulse of thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my king  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee

Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry power as you choose

Here am I  
All of me  
Take my life  
It's all for thee



Take my will and make it thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is thine own  
It shall be thy royal throne

Take my love my lord I pour  
At your feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for thee

Here am I  
All of me  
Take my life  
It's all for thee

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated lord to thee

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Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.  
**And also with you.**

### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

Let us pray:

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**



**FIRST READING: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

***Refrain: Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)***

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

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

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

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

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

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>**Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

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

<sup>33</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.  
<sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!**

***Refrain: Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)***

### ***GOSPEL – John 17:1-11***

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter:

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>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, O Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

### **THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you –  
for the sustaining goodness of your creation,  
and the life all around us...  
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of  
healing and forgiveness...

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**



We thank you for the gifts of relationships with others...

for the generosity of those who work for our health and safety and daily needs...

for the people of your church, close to home and all around the world, and for our  
bishops - Jason and Susan...

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children,  
and bring about your peace for all people.

Especially we pray –

for those who govern our city, our province, our nation and the nations of the  
world...

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction...

for all who work for peace and international harmony...

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people in this and all nations who are in fear of illness and  
pandemic...

for all those who are sick, especially the ones we name before you now...

for all our sisters and brothers throughout the earth, for those with no homes, for  
refugees, and for those in prison...

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, and who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. AMEN.**

***SENDING HYMN - Blest Be the Tie  
That Binds (ELW 656)***

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

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## **BLESSING**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve your neighbour; serve the risen Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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