

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM + May 29, 2022



Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith,
welcome! Please contact the church office (aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org)
if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin.
Children's Church School at 9:45 a.m., visitors are welcome to join at anytime.

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Prelude: *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, BWV 656a

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Sentences

Officiant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (*Colossians 3:1*).

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 214 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Tune: *Llanfair*

Psalm 97

(Spoken by Congregation)

1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
**he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for

we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.


People’s response after the reading

Thanks be to God.


Canticle: A Song of Praise (Sung by Cantors)

Blue Hymnal S-180

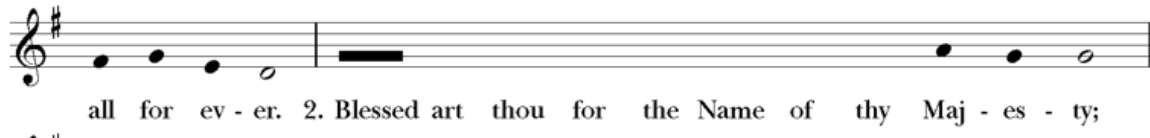
Antiphon




Pro-claim the great - ness of the Lord our God: he is the Ho - ly One.



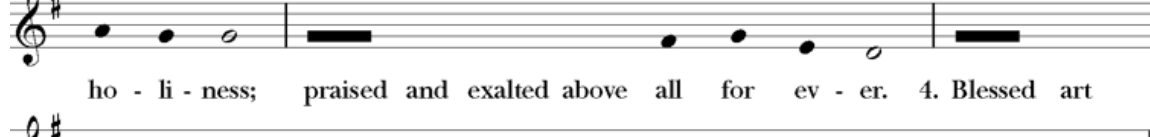
1. Bless - ed art thou, O Lord God of our fa - thers; praised and exalted above all for ev - er.



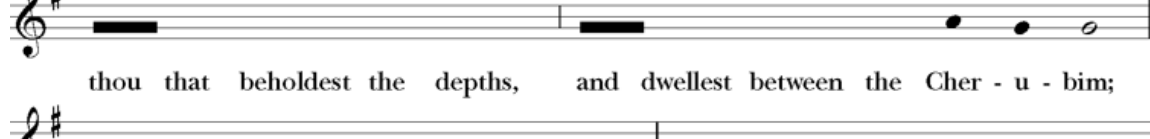
2. Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Maj - es - ty; praised and exalted above all for ev - er.



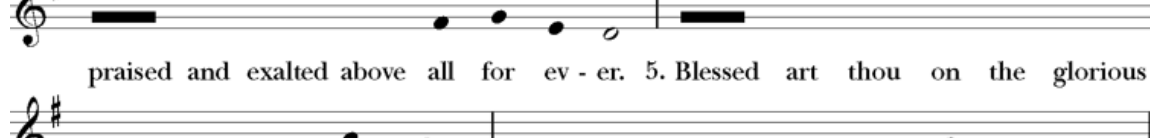
3. Blessed art thou in the temple of thy ho - li - ness; praised and exalted above all for ev - er.



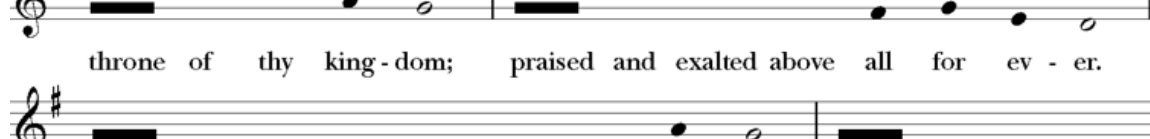
4. Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cher - u - bim; praised and exalted above all for ev - er.



5. Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy king - dom; praised and exalted above all for ev - er.



6. Blessed art thou in the firmament of hea - ven; praised and exalted above all for ev - er.



7. Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spi - rit; praised and exalted above all for ev - er. [Ant.]

A Reading from the Revelation to John 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.


People's response after the reading

Thanks be to God.


Canticle: A Song to the Lamb (Sung by Cantors)

Blue Hymnal S-261

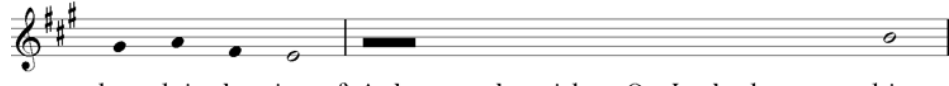
Antiphon




1. Splen - dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,




2. For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and



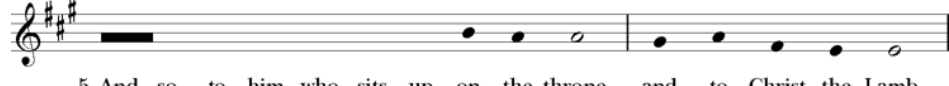
have their be - ing; 3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,



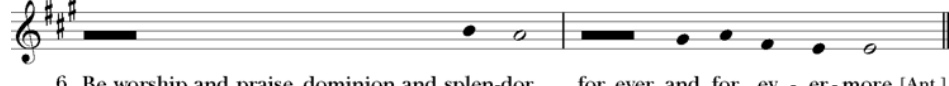
for with your blood you have re-deemed for God, 4. From every family,



language, people, and na - tion, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.




5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,

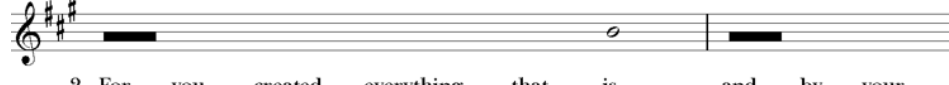


6. Be worship and praise, dominion and splen-dor, for ever and for ev - er - more. [Ant.]


When the Antiphon is not sung, this setting of the first two verses is used.



1. Splen-dor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,



2. For you created everything that is, and by your



will they were created and have their be - ing;

The Holy Gospel according to John 17:20-26

People *Said before the reading*
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Said after the reading
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

The Sermon

Amy Hunter

The Apostles Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Announcements

The Prayers

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 Litanist and People pray responsively, kneeling as able

Litanist Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Litanist Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Litanist Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Litanist Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Litanist Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Litanist Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Litanist Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*).

People: Amen.

Hymn 483 *The head that once was crowned with thorns*

Tune: *St. Magnus*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: *Voluntary in G Minor*

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Hymn 214 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Tune: *Llanfair*

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn 483 *The head that once was crowned with thorns*

Tune: *St. Magnus*

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.