



## Sunday, May 21, 2023 –Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Processional**

**All hail the power of Jesus' Name**

**H 450**

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*
- 2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!*
- 3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!*
- 6. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

**S 277**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

**Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

1. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; **\*let those who hate him flee before him.**
2. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; **\*as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
3. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; **\*let them also be merry and joyful.**
4. Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; **\*YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
5. Father of orphans, defender of widows, **\*God in his holy habitation!**
6. God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; **\*but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
7. O God, when you went forth before your people, **\*when you marched through the wilderness,**
8. The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, **\*at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
9. You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; **\*you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

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

33. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; **\*sing praises to the Lord.**

34. He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; **\*he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35. Ascribe power to God; **\*his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.**

36. How wonderful is God in his holy places! **\*the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

**A Reading from the First letter of Peter.**

**4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

**I sing the almighty power of God**

**H 398**

*I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17:1-11**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon      The Reverend Rick O'Brien**

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People - Great Fifty Days of Easter**

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships.

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy, For the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those who gather here in worship and prayer.

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, remembering especially, \_\_\_\_\_ That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores, and remembering those who have died, especially: \_\_\_\_\_

*Leader:* Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord Christ Jesus, through your death on the cross and resurrection from the grave you have made of us a new people, giving us the knowledge of the joy of eternal life. Fill us with faith and give us the courage to go into the world and share this renewal of life with all that we meet. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you**

*Offertory Anthem*

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*M. Merker, arr. J Koerts*

Alexandra Cohen, soloist

The Epiphanotes

**Presentation Hymn**

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones**

*O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### **The Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the

world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy**

**S 124**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

**S154**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Communion Anthem: from Elijah: O Rest In the Lord Felix Mendelssohn  
Alexandra Cohen, soloist*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Recessional**

**Crown him with many crowns**

**H 494**

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*
- 2. Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.*
- 3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

5. *Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; Crown him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.*

**Dismissal**

Clergy: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

<b>Calendar</b>		
Monday	6:30 PM	<b>Al-Anon – Support for those affected by the disease of addiction</b>
Tuesday	9 AM	<b>Tuesday Tune-up</b> – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Wednesday	10:45 AM	<b>Alzheimer’s / Dementia Support Group</b> at St. Timothy’s – Contact Gary Hails at 702-884-7050
Thursday	6:30 PM	<b>Centering Prayer</b> ( <i>Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i> ) Contact <a href="mailto:lauracanon@yahoo.com">lauracanon@yahoo.com</a>
Friday	10 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> ( <i>live in our chapel– led by Daughters of the King</i> )
	10:30 AM	<b>Alzheimer’s / Dementia Support Group</b> starting June 16 at Epiphany. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050
Sunday	8 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	<b>Faith Matters</b> (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	<b>Church School</b> for youth, nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Al-Anon Every Monday**

Al-Anon is a group of friends and families affected by the disease of addiction. Any in need of this wonderful program is encouraged to attend.

**Burial Service – Fr. Vince O’Neill**



Please join us on Saturday May 27 at 10:00 AM as we celebrate the life and ministry of Fr. Vince O'Neill. A reception will follow as we share our remembrances of a wonderful person.

### **Save the Date – June 2 Movie Night**

We are planning a family friendly movie night. Bring the kids and their friends for a fun evening. Information to follow.

### **Helping Hands of Epiphany June 3 and June 17**

Do you want to meet people and help but do not know how. Mark your calendar and join us 2 Saturday's in June starting between 8:30 and 9am. It is a good opportunity to socialize and help us accomplish a few tasks.

### **Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group June 16**

We recognize a need for a second Alzheimer's / Dementia support group. This is open to caregivers and care receivers Beginning June 16 at 10:30 am to 12 pm at Epiphany. If you are in need or know anyone in need of the love, support and help this group offers please call or have them call Gary Hails at 702-884-7050

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are Needed to assist with the Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group. This is a rewarding ministry that has or will touch many of us or our loved ones. See Gary Hails (702-884-7050) Fr, Rick or Fr Peter for details.

### **Friends in the Desert**

Friends in the Desert is in need of men's Denim Jeans (may be used but clean), 8 ounce Styrofoam cups, and Men's Shorts (outer shorts – Again used but clean is good so if you are getting new shorts consider giving the used shorts to the homeless.) Any questions contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050. Thank you for your support.

### **Refugee Resettlement Needs**

Won't you help our newest Outreach Program? Each month Epiphany will have a bin for Refugee Resettlement items. May needs are Shampoo, toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant (\$ store items)| See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

### **St. Jude's Ranch Collection**

For May St Jude's is collecting baby things..Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. etc.