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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2008

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Note: There is no service music at the 8:00 am service

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: "Prelude on Hyfrydol "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" Raymond H. Haan
Based on a tune by Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887)

Choral Introit: "The Lord ascendeth up on high" Ach Herr, du allerhochster Gott

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: "*See the Conqueror mounts in triumph*" In Babilone Hymnal 215

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

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.*

Glory to God - Hymnal S280

The following hymn is said or sung, all standing

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.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people 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.*

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exsurgat Deus*

- 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!

1 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: "When Christ was lifted from the earth" St. Botolph Hymnal 603

THE GOSPEL: John 17:1-11 (The People Stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *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. "

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon — The Reverend James Stevenson

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)

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.

The Prayers of the People (*Form III*) *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Ed, Dana, Joe, Carole, Taylor, Ben, Therese, Carol, Peggy, Debbie, Angie, Maribeth, Jane, George, Heather, Mark, Emily, Dave, James, Adam and Chris. For the departed, especially Hollis, Delbert and Blanche.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *(people remain kneeling)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace *(All stand.)*

The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Junior Choir Anthem: "Only Jesus" Joel and Russell Nagy

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing.

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymnal S 130
Celebrant and People

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

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Fraction Anthem—LEV 155

This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen
Body of Christ, Amen, Blood of Christ, Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation 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.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Anthem: "*Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*" Song 1

Post Communion Hymn: "*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*" verses 1, 4

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn: "*All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*" Coronation Hymnal 450

Postlude: "The head that once was crowned with thorns" St. Magnus C.S. Lang

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 4, 2008 W The Seventh Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
we are glad you have chosen to worship with us. Here are a few items to assist you with the service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
 - The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*") is also located in the pew rack.
 - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.



THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING

Each Sunday at the 10:00 am service we will offer "The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing". Chris Sutton will be available in the rear of the church near the Baptismal Font during Communion. Simply go to her and tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on your head and offer a prayer to our Lord for you. When she has concluded her prayer for you, simply return to your seat.

"Healing Hands" by Silvia Hartman, used with Artist's permission

THEME TEA Saturday, May 17th the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Main Street Dallas will hold its 3rd Annual Theme Tea which will also include entertainment, raffle items and a Re-gift Auction. Tickets are \$8.00. Re-gift contributions are currently being collected. Please contact Linda Shrader (696-2082) if you would like further information on attending or becoming involved.

U2CHARIST— IT'S HERE!!! Our second U2 Eucharist will be held on this Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is asked to wear RED and to bring a nonperishable food donation for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. All proceeds from the service and raffles will be donated to the Friends of Tanzanian Schools, an organization which raises funds to help individual Tanzanian schools and to promote exchanges between Tanzanian and American students. Tickets for the U2charist are free and are available through the church office. Please spread the word and bring a friend!!

iPod RAFFLE The Sunday School is raffling off an 8gb Apple ipod, valued at \$199. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5.00. All proceeds will be donated in support of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals. The winner will be selected at random following the U2charist on May 10. Please consider taking a few tickets to sell to family and friends! REMINDER TO ANYONE WHO HAS TAKEN TICKETS TO SELL: ALL STUBS AND MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE THE U2CHARIST ON SATURDAY MAY 10.

SPRING UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING is scheduled for Mother's Day, Sunday May 11. You still have time to count your blessings and fill your blue UTO box . Boxes are available in the Narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Once again this year we will participate in the Community Vacation Bible School. The Rainforest Adventure themed VBS will be held August 4–8, 9:00 am–noon at St Paul's Lutheran Church. More information and registration forms will be coming soon! If you would like to volunteer to help in the planning of VBS or with VBS activities please contact Jennifer.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST invites children 3-12 to their Friendship Trek Vacation Bible School July 21 to July 25, 5:30–7:30 pm at the Dallas United Methodist Church. A light supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:00PM. Children will discover new friends and build a powerful relationship with their Forever Friend, Jesus Christ! Enroll today by calling the DUMC at 675-0122 or Bonnie Donovan at 639-1946. You can also submit your registration to Trish Wright or mail directly to Dallas United Methodist Church, 4 Parsonage Street, Dallas, PA 18612.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST will hold its VBS evenings July 27–31. Details coming soon.

PENTECOST is Sunday May 11, please remember to wear RED to church that day!

PARISH PICNIC Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, June 1 at Frances Slocum State Park. We will worship at 10:00 am and food and fun will follow the service. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to share, more information will follow soon!

YOUTH SUNDAY which concludes our Sunday School program for this school year, will be June 1 (at the picnic). All youth are asked to plan on attending the picnic and service that day!

GRADUATES You are asked to inform the office of anyone who will be graduating from High School or College this year.

This Morning's Ministers

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James P Stevenson
Deacon	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	TBA, Kelly Jacobs, Dominic Wright
Lector	Chris Sutton
Intercessor	Trish Wright
Eucharistic Minister	TBA
Ushers / Oblationers	TBA
Altar Guild	Carol Jones, Mary Jillson-Stout
Vestry Counter	Patricia Harabin

THE NEXT...

- ...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, this morning, 9:00 am between services.
 - ...**Sunday School**, this morning 10:00 am.
 - ...**Junior Choir Practice**, today following the 10 am service.
- ...**Parish Life Commission**, this morning following 10 am service.
 - ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
 - ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, May 5, 7:00 pm.
 - ...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, May 6, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
 - ...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Wednesday, May 7, 6:00 pm
 - ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, May 8, 9:00 am—1:00 pm.
 - ...**Parish Hall reserved**, Thursday, May 8, 3:30—5:30 pm.
 - ...**Senior Choir Practice**, Thursday, May 8, 7:00 pm.
 - ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, May 9, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
 - ...**U2charist**, Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm
 - ...**UTO Ingathering**, Sunday May 11.
 - ...**Pentecost**, Sunday, May 11.
 - ...**Church Cleaning**, Monday May 12, 9am-noon.
 - ...**Vestry Meeting**, Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 pm.
 - ...**Theme Luncheon**, Saturday May 17.
- ...**Family Service**, Sunday May 18, 10:00 am (No Sunday School)
- ...**Chronicles of Narnia:Prince Caspian Movie**, Sunday May 18 after the 10 am service.
 - ...**ECW Meeting**, Wednesday, May 21.
- ...**Prince Caspian discussion for all ages**, Sunday May 25 following the 10 am service.
 - ...**Parish Picnic**, Sunday June 1, 10:00 am.
 - ...**Summer Office Hours Begin**, Tuesday, June 3.

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!