

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 10:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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Many thanks to the Rev. Bob Mitman for presiding and preaching at today's service.

WELCOME

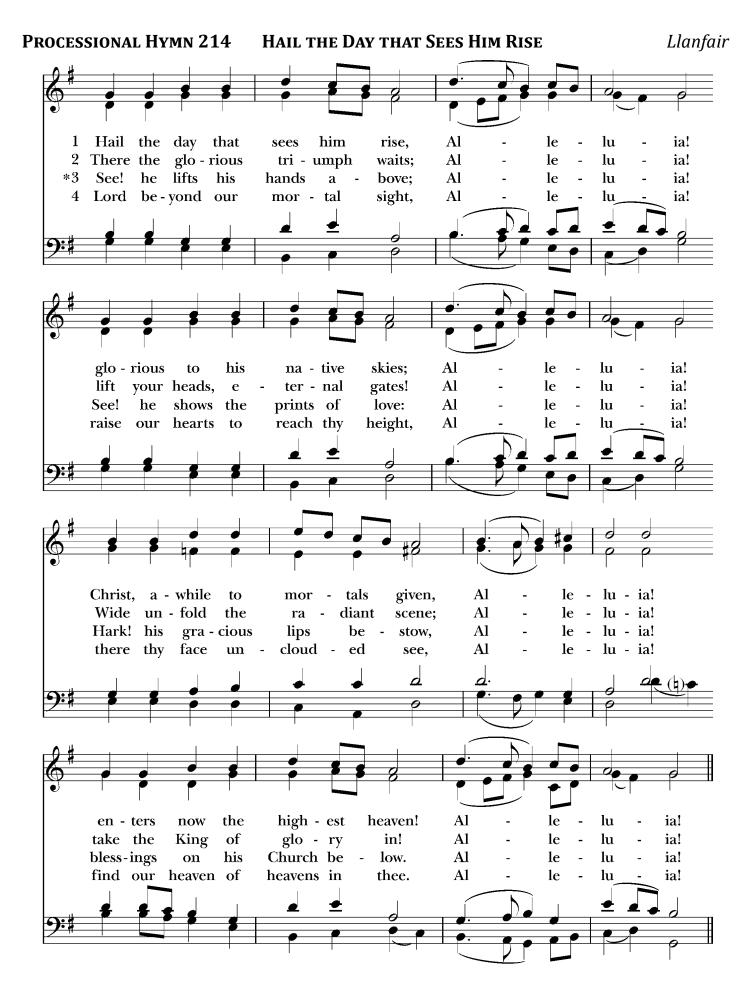
PRELUDE SORTIE: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN! NOEL RAWSTHORNE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as you are able for the entrance of the ministers into the Church.

Opening hymn is on the following page.



All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

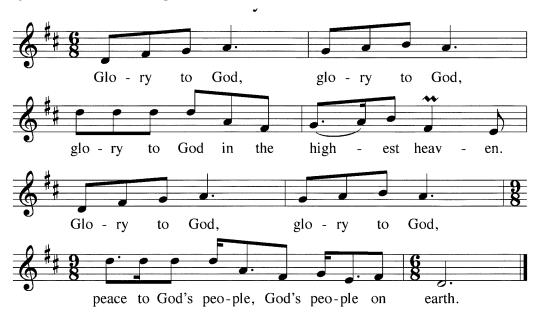
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant and People say together

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.

GLORIA

All sing the refrain; the choir sings the verses.



- Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 We worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

 Refrain
- 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.

 Refrain
- 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.

Refrain

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**.

FIRST READING ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1



- Happy are they who have not walked
 In the counsel of the wicked, *
 Nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 Nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
 And they meditate on his law day and night.



- They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 Bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 Everything they do shall prosper.

 Antiphon
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
 They are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright When judgment comes, *
 Nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
 But the way of the wicked is doomed.

Antiphon

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:9-13

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 17:6-19

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples saying, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON THE REV. BOB MITMAN

NICENE CREED

All stand.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

All remain standing.

The Deacon introduces the prayers:

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with joy.

The Leader continues

Risen Lord, you announce peace to your disciples. Breathe into your Church the Holy Spirit. **Give faith for doubt and boldness to fainting hearts.**

Risen Lord, you announce peace to your world. Breathe upon the nations desire for harmony and concord. **Strengthen the fearful and all who seek to reconcile places of conflict.**

Risen Lord, you announce peace to our communities. Breathe upon our common life your generosity. **In your grace, open our hearts to share of our riches and poverty.**

Risen Lord, you announce peace to all injured, battered, ill, forgotten, and suffering people, *including...* Breathe upon all in special need your healing presence. **Anoint us all in your great goodness.**

Risen Lord, you announce peace in the face of death. Breath upon all who have died your life and forgiveness, *especially...* **Bring light to the darkness of death and rejoicing to the place of tears.**

Intercessions may be offered at this time, either aloud or silently in your hearts.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

Receive our prayers as you have promised. Help us to follow your call, grant us your peace, and assure us that you are with us always. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love

The Priest says

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

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

and serve only your will. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us offer to God the gifts we have been given.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

ALL WHO DWELL

Z. RANDALL STROOPE

At the first light of day, Lauda, laude! When the sun reaches noon, Lauda, laude! And then at sunset, Lauda, laude! Or at the midnight, Lauda, laude!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, Find a refuge and fortress; Nation, village or faith of a small child, Home they find in him.

May we sing, sing for joy, Lauda, laude! May our days all be glad, Lauda, laude! May we have wisdom, Lauda, laude! May we have truth, Lauda, laude! Plagues and serpents of the dark,
Pestilence that stalks the night,
They who harm, who destroy,
Those who spread fear and terror,
But those who make the Lord most high
their refuge and their dwelling,

No fear, no harm, no foe will come near your land,

No shame, no death, no evil consume or destroy.

Lauda, laude!

Giving to Church of the Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As we celebrate the season of Easter, also known as Eastertide, we enter the resurrected life of Jesus Christ and the birth of the Church. The early church was lively, exuberant, awe-struck, and committed to spreading the "Good News" of God's love for us as revealed in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Church of the Holy Spirit continues this holy endeavor with the generosity of your time, talents, and financial support of ministries which bear witness to the love of Christ and enable everyone of us to seek and serve Christ in all parts of our lives.

As many people have shifted their giving to checks via mail, online or other electronic options, rather than "passing the plate", we observe a time of quiet prayer accompanied by music as the Table is prepared for Holy Communion. Offertory plates are located at the entrances/exits of the sanctuary for your convenience. You may donate using check or cash, or if you, like so many in our congregation, have shifted your giving to electronic options, you may donate via our website www.churchoftheholyspirit.us by clicking the "Giving" tab in the menu bar. If you wish to mail a contribution, please send your check to Church of the Holy Spirit, P.O. Box 575, Harleysville, PA 19438. Thank you for your support of the ministries of COHS offered with thanksgiving

in the name of Jesus Christ.

All standing, the Celebrant and People say together

Gracious God, we bring to you the ordinary things of life—food and drink and money—and in bringing them, we bring ourselves. Take us and our gifts of money to do your work in the world. Take this food and drink and from your table feed us with your love. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

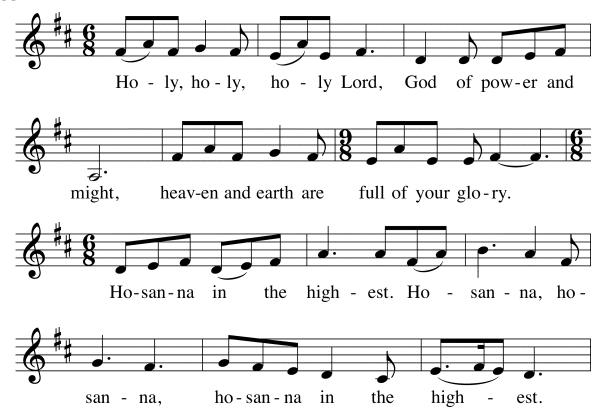
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

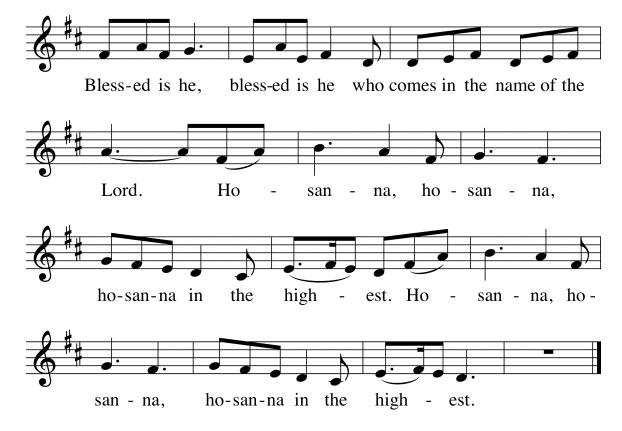
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from its bounds; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS





The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE 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 Celebrant says

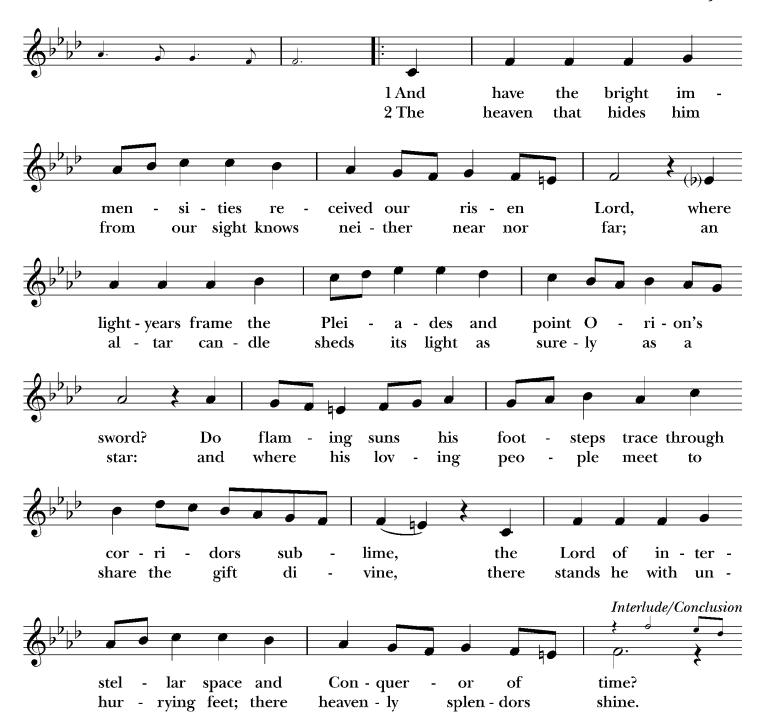
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

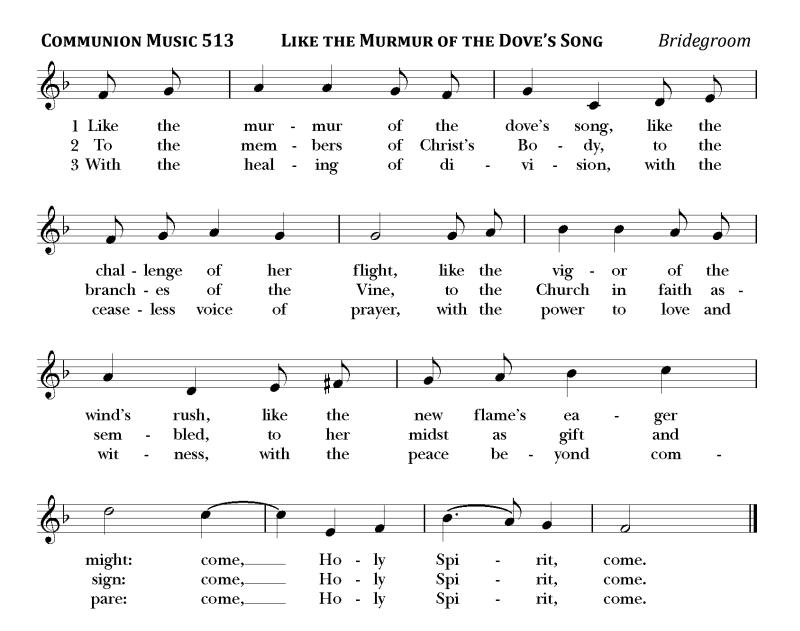
This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Children of any age and people of any denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The congregation gathers in a circle; the priest will place the bread in your hand. There will be one or two Eucharistic Ministers with chalices from which you may drink the wine. Intinction or dipping of the bread in the wine is not permitted. You may also receive the bread only at your request. Please know that you have received Holy Communion in full when receiving the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive either bread or wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing only.

Healing Prayers and Reiki are offered during Holy Communion near the font. Members of our prayer team will pray with you and for you. Reiki practitioners are able to provide hands-on or hands-above healing prayers. Practitioners can also provide distance healing prayers.

COMMUNION MUSIC COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR PEACE TAIZE







After Communion, when necessary, the Eucharistic Visitor(s) will come forward.

The Deacon says:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.

After Communion, all stand as the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

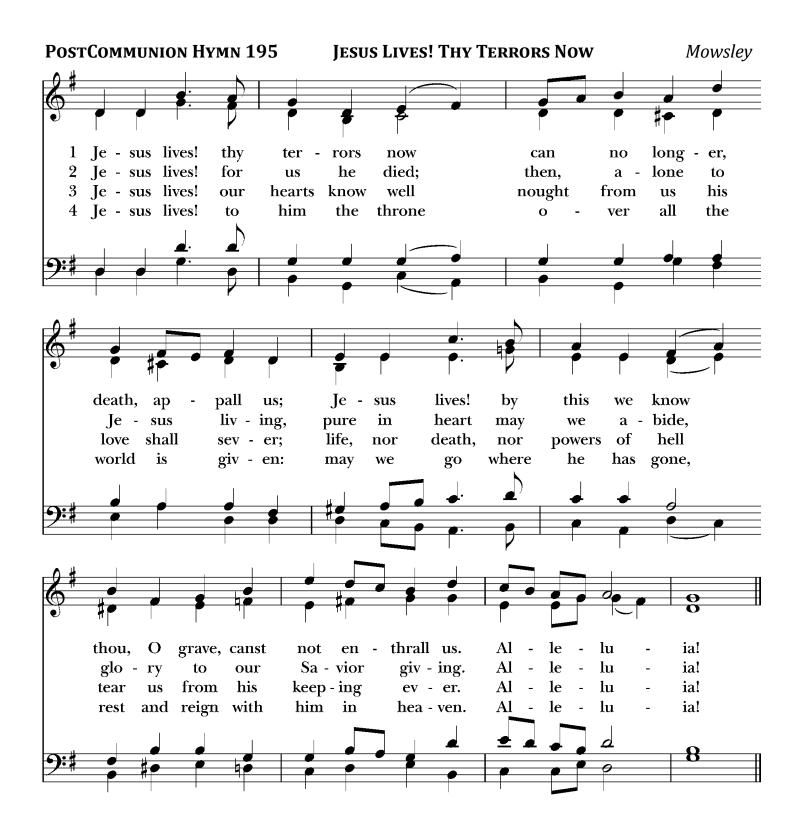
Celebrant and People

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE TOCCATA IN G THEODORE DUBOIS

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	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
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Greeter		George Cabot
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Counters	Rick Alderfer & Shirley Zagorski	

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	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
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VIRTUAL GREETER		Maureen Higgins
LECTOR	Rob Young	Kathy Cobbs Bill Kerwin
CHALICE BEARER	Rob Young	Geri Duesberry
Reiki		Yvonne Caputo
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Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM Sundays (In-person)

Holy Eucharist at 10:15 AM Sundays (In-person and Live Streamed)

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Tuesdays & Fridays (via Zoom Meeting)

Compline 8:00 PM Thursdays (via Zoom Meeting)

COHS MISSION STATEMENT

Church of the Holy Spirit strives to build a spiritual community that fosters welcome and seeks truth in love. We are committed to acceptance, honesty, joy, and adventure as we follow Jesus Christ. Caring and compassion run deep in this church. Through worship, shared ministries and prayer we strive to know and express God's message in Christ through the Holy Spirit in ourselves, our communities, and our world.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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