



WHAT YOU SEE



WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12–26

Revelation 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20

John 17:20–26

Jesus Is with Us in His Holy Christian Church

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus interceded for His Church—for His apostles and all who believe in Him through their word—that all of His disciples “*may become perfectly one*” in the Father and the Son (John 17:21–23). For Jesus became flesh and dwells among us in order to reveal the Father and His name, to share with us the glory of His righteousness, and to bring us to the Father in Himself. As the Father loved the Son from “*before the foundation of the world*” (John 17:24), so He loves the whole world (John 17:23, 26). Through the apostolic witness to the baptism, cross, and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21–22), the Lord gathers His disciples throughout the world “*with one accord,*” as one body in Christ (Acts 1:14). And so with one voice and by one Spirit, His Bride prays, “*Come!*” (Rev. 22:17). And He comes to us. He gives us “*the water of life without price*” to wash our robes and quench our thirst (Rev. 22:17); and he feeds us from “*the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit*” (Rev. 22:2).

Next Week’s Readings from God’s Word:

June 5: The Feast of Pentecost (Series C):

Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

INTROIT

Psalm 61:3, 5-8; Antiphon: Psalm 61:1

*Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.
For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!
May he be enthroned forever before God;
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!
So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *O King of glory Lord of hosts,
uplifted in triumph far above all heavens,
leave us not without consolation
but send us the Spirit of truth
whom You promised from the Father;
for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

C *♪[Amen]♪*

GRADUAL

adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

*Christ has risen from the dead,
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.*

RESPONSE FOR PRAYERS

After each petition:

P *Lord, in Your mercy,*
C **hear our prayer.**

Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)

¹² Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

" 'May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';
and

" 'Let another take his office.' "

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out

among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Revelation 22:1-6,12-20 (ESV)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

John 17:20-26 (ESV)

²⁰ [Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”