



## Seventh Sunday of Easter – One in Christ

May 16, 2021

8:30 a.m.

### PRELUDE

Meditation on the Medieval St. Olaf Sequence

Egil Hovland

### OPENING SENTENCES

Though your love is burning within us,  
we do not see you on the road, Jesus.

**Open our eyes and our ears,  
open our hearts and increase our faith.**

How can we understand  
unless someone guides us?

**Send us out rejoicing,  
as we have been saved through your grace  
and not through our own works.**

It is no longer I who live  
but it is Christ who lives in me.

**We are all your children through faith.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Loving God, Hear Us”

Gabriel Fauré

### NARRATIVE READING

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Today’s narrative reading is from the book of Galatians:

<sup>1</sup>You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! <sup>2</sup>The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup>Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? <sup>4</sup>Did you experience so much for nothing? — if it really was for nothing. <sup>5</sup>Well then, does God supply you with the

Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

<sup>6</sup>Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," <sup>7</sup>so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you." <sup>9</sup>For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Batter My Heart"

Mark Sedio

### APOSTLES' CREED

Let us proclaim the faith that we share:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*We gather our prayers using a sung response*

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.



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Each petition concludes:

[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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 forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

“The Children of God” from *The Nativity*

Olivier Messiaen

*“To all who have received it, the Word has given the power to become children of God. And God has sent into their hearts the Spirit of His son, who cries: Father! Father!” (from the gospel of John and Paul’s letter to the Galatians).*

*20<sup>th</sup> century French composer Olivier Messiaen was the Titular Organist at the church of La Trinité in Paris. He composed in many genres, and was famous for writing music depicting the faith and doctrines of the Church. In “The Children of God,” the first section represents the power of God, and the second depicts us receiving that power to become God’s children. This work goes with today’s narrative reading, which comes directly before Messiaen’s chosen verse from Galatians.*

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