

# *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*May 24, 2009*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*  
*Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
The Dalles, Oregon

## **The Word of God**

### **Opening Hymn**

*All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Hymnal 450

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
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- 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!  
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!  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
- 4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, 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!  
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### **Acclamation**

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

*Celebrant* 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.*

### **Hymnal S 278**

**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.**

### **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*

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.

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

## Psalm 1 Page 585, BCP

- 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!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 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.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## Second Reading

*1 John 5:9-13*

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.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Gracious Spirit*

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Gracious Spirit, give your servants joy to set sin’s captives free,  
hope to heal the brokenhearted, peace to share love’s liberty.  
Through us bring your balm of gladness to the wounded and oppressed;  
help us claim and show God’s favor as a people called and blessed.

Word made flesh, who gave up glory to become our great high priest,  
taking on our human nature to redeem the last and least:  
let your courage and compassion shape and guide our ministries;  
as our Savior and our Shepherd, lead us to the truth that frees.

Loving God, who birthed creation from the nothingness of space,  
kindling life where all was empty, turning chaos into grace:  
when we feel confused and fruitless, dawn upon our restless night;  
give us faith’s imagination, hope’s renewing, love’s delight.

Triune God, eternal Being, never ending, unbegun,  
boundless grace and perfect justice, righteous and forgiving One:  
so enfold us in your mercy that our wills and yours unite;  
through us may the world behold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel**

*John 17:6-19*

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."

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence*

*The Nicene Creed*

BCP 355

**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**

In this glorious Easter season, we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim the wondrous acts our God has done.

*We are an Easter people. Alleluia is our song!*

Let us pray for the Church. We pray for our sisters and brothers in this diocese and in the Anglican Communion. We pray Calvary Baptist Church and all the churches with whom we share ministry in this town and county. May we grow together as the Body of Christ, and proclaim in unity the Good News.

***Lord, you are the way, the truth and the life. Give us the grace to reflect you by word and example.***

At this time of hope and promise for our parish and our diocese, we pray for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. And we pray for our retired clergy, Rustin, John, Lewis, and Robert. We pray for our Wardens and Vestry, and all the diverse ministries of all members of this congregation.

***Christ, our guide, may we know our gifts and offer them to you for the fulfillment of the mission and ministry to which we are called.***

Let us pray for our nation and for our leaders.

***Christ, our hope, may our public and private wealth and privilege be used as a blessing to the world.***

We pray for the whole world. God of creation, who created all people in your own image, give us eyes to behold the beauty of the wondrous and glorious diversity you have created. Give us hearts and minds to know and serve the common good.

***Christ, our Redeemer, help us to strive for justice and peace among all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves.***

We pray for the hungry, the homeless, the needy, those facing job insecurities or any personal difficulty.

*People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.*

***Christ the Good Shepherd, guide us to work with you in our community.***

We pray for those who are ill, disabled, facing medical uncertainties, or in any need or trouble, that they may be made whole, particularly: Will Simpson, Bryon Nixon, Gretchen Kimsey's mother Betty, Mike Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Linda and Tracy, Charlie May, Art and Jane Schafroth, Alvie Clark, Lloyd Walworth, Blake Gallagher, Anne Frazier, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt, Barbara Monaghan, Jeff and Colleen. We pray for caregivers needing strength, wisdom and encouragement. We remember especially those who trust us to pray for them.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstron, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

*People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.*

***Christ the healer, be present with and through us, to those who need your comfort.***

We pray for all feeling confined in any of numerous ways. Remove despair and infuse a sense of purpose and value.

*People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.*

***Christ the key holder, unlock the chains that bind us. Resurrect our spirits in your freedom to allow us to bloom even in a gutter.***

This Sunday, in our congregational cycle of prayer, we ask your blessing upon Kim McCullough, Monte Dickinson, Carol Fisher, David Gross and Ann Marie Woolsey. We also pray for all the members of this parish, and for those who work to prepare Ascension School for summer programs and ministries to youth.

*People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.*

***Lord of life, may we see and celebrate the sacred in each of our everyday lives.***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. We pray for parents, spouses, children and loved ones of those in the service.

*People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.*

***Lord of all, grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.***

We pray for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of him.

***Christ the seeker, we pray that all may find and be found by you.***

We give thanks and pray for the lives those who have died. Comfort those who mourn.

*People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.*

***Risen Lord, be known to them in the new life of hope offered through your resurrection.***

God whose spirit dwells equally in light and dark, suns and stars, day and night, life and death, you and me.

***God bless us all – growing together in God’s garden.***

Lord of all, we praise you and thank you that through your glorious resurrection you redeem humankind and renew your whole creation. Grant that we who celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ be raised to new life in Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

***We are an Easter people. Alleluia is our song! Amen.***

## **The Peace**

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

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory

Doxology               **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer D

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*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he

sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and for ever. **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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion Hymn

*All who hunger gather gladly*

WLP 761

All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**The Postcommunion Prayer**      *Please stand*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Blessing* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through  
the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life,  
make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in  
the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      *If you believe and I believe*

WLP 806

If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free, and set God's people free;  
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.

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the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free, and set God's people free;  
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.

If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free, and set God's people free;  
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

*Servers This Morning: Rector: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth; Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Eucharist Minister: Lynne Gill; Lector: Ron Fullmer; Prayers of the People: Barbee Hodgkins, Diane Adams; Pianist: Rule Beasley; Altar Guild: Anne Frazier, Doris Smith; Acolyte: Brandon Adams; Altar Bread: Jan Swartz; Greeters: Skip and Carol Fisher*

*The flowers at the altar today are given by  
Lloyd and Diane Walworth  
in honor of their wedding anniversary*

**PLEASE PRAY:**

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstron, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

For friends and family, especially Will Simpson, Bryon Nixon, Gretchen Kimsey's mother Betty, Mike Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Linda and Tracy, Charlie May, Art and Jane Schafroth, Alvie Clark, Lloyd Walworth, Blake Gallagher, Anne Frazier, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt, Barbara Monaghan, Jeff and Colleen.

For Falco in his Guide Dog training.

**CALENDAR:**

Sun- Bible Study 4:00 pm

Mon- OFFICE CLOSED

AA "open" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall

Tues- Bible Study 1 pm Library

Wed- Knitting Ministry 6:30-8:00 pm Library

AA "closed" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall

Thurs- Healing service noon

Parish Commission on Ministry/PCOM 7 pm Library

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

THE MOST REVEREND KATHARINE JEFFERTS SCHORI, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will be visiting the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon **Tuesday, June 9, 2009**, at the Boys and Girls Club of Bend ~ 500 NW Wall Street (next door to Trinity Episcopal Church). See notice on kiosk for additional information.

BRIDAL SHOWER ~ In celebration of the upcoming wedding of Tori Dickinson and Jeff Rask, the women of St. Paul's are cordially invited to a bridal shower Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 12 pm in Tayler Hall. Tori requests no gifts, so we would like you to bring your favorite recipe (typed or hand-written) and why it is your favorite so it can be included in the recipe book that will be made for Tori at this gathering! Scrapbook paper and lots of other supplies will be on hand but if you want to get a head-start, the scrapbook size will be 8"x8.

NOTE: We can type your recipe for you if you will give it to us ahead of time. Please RSVP and any questions to Sally Forster at 296-8813 or MaryEllen Lowe at 296-3176 or [ctlowe@charter.net](mailto:ctlowe@charter.net). Lunch provided!

A CARE PACKAGE for Kyle McCullough has been started and is on the large table in the narthex. If you want to write a note to him on the card provided and/or add anything to the box, please do so before Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. His mother Kim has provided the following suggestions: magazines (airplanes, guns), comic books (humor like that found in Calvin & Hobbes, Far Side, etc.), dried fruit, nuts, licorice, tootsie rolls, and pictures of HOME (which would include the Gorge and Dufur).

CONFIRMATION ~ St. Paul's The Dalles and St. Mark's Hood River are planning for Confirmations! We are going to have a short series of discussions and classes in the weeks before the confirmation service, and we'd like as many people as possible to participate and support the confirmands. Dates are still being considered, so please put in your preference. We expect that the classes will begin this summer, and the service will be early this fall, but it's early, so let us know what works for you! Office: 296-9587.