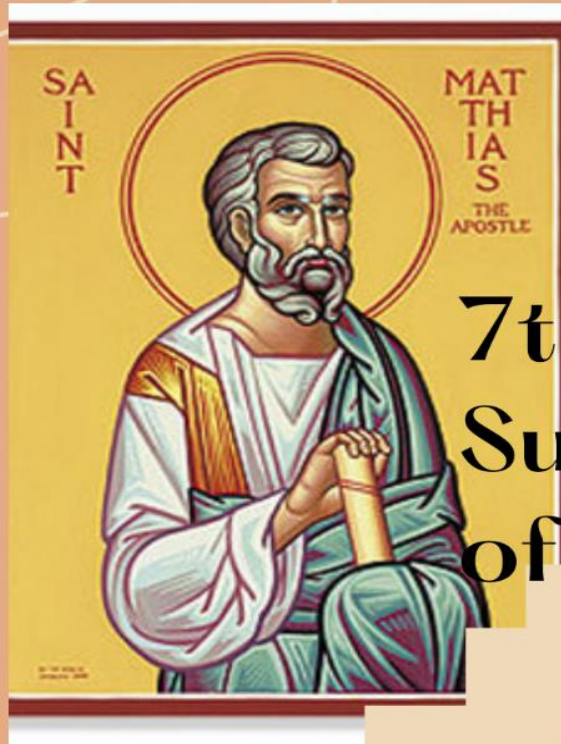


Sunday, May 16, 2021



## 7th Sunday of Easter

*Come All You People MV 2*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
Come now and worship the Lord.*

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
In your resurrection, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus CP 374*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;  
alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.*

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Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory forever.

**As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.**

May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made and praise you for your mighty acts.

**Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.**

### *Psalm 1*

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The time signature is 2/2. The score includes the following elements:

- Chords:** D, A/D, Em7, F#, G, (G6), D.
- Lyrics:** Hap - py are those who trust the Ho - ly One. trust the Ho - ly One.
- Performance markings:** *mf*, *1,2...*, *Final*.

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 on this law they meditate 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.**  
It is not so with the wicked;  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement 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. RR**

***Acts 1:15-17, 21-26***

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) 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 throughout 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.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Death is swallowed up in victory. **Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised. **Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

**Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?**

***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.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

***O Laughing Light VU 434***

***O laughing light, O first-born of creation, radiance of glory, light from light begotten,  
God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed: you shine upon us.***

*Day's light is fragile, your light is eternal; we look to you, our light within the shadow.  
We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit. You shine before us.*

*Light of the world, O Jesus, you are worthy! Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you.  
Hear as the universe now proclaims your glory! You Shine among us.*

**John 17:6-19**

'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.'

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

*Sermon*

'I am the Lord, your Holy One, **the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.**'

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, **a path in the mighty waters,**

'Remember not the former things, **nor consider the things of old.**

Behold, I am doing a new thing; **now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, **to give drink to my chosen people,**  
the people whom I formed for myself, **that they might declare my praise.'**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

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

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

***God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness CP 428***

***God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy,  
giver of all human freedom, God who blesses tool and toy:  
teach us now to laugh and praise you, deep within your praises sing,  
till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.***

***God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend,  
giver of all human talent, God who wills that chaos end:  
grant us now creative spirits, minds responsive to your mind,  
hearts and wills your rule extending, all our acts by love refined.***

***Stewardship Moment***

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *the people of God that they might proclaim the risen Lord;*
- *God's creation that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care;*
- *those in despair and darkness that they may find the hope and light of Christ;*

- *those in fear of death that they may find faith through the resurrection and*
- *prisoners and captives.*

Let us pray: Giver of eternal life, send us to your world to speak the truth of peace, to stand with those who suffer, and to show another way; through Jesus Christ, the life of all things. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

*You Call Us Out to Praise You CP 600*

*You call us out to praise you, one God for all the earth:  
to gather in communion, and treasure human worth;  
we are your living story, to hear and to be heard;  
we praise your name, who write us, the Writer and the Word.*

*For varied hues and textures, new patterns, still you search  
to weave your seamless garments, the fabric of your church;  
our tattered faith you cherish, reclaim from wear and moth;  
we praise your name, who twine us, the Weaver and the Cloth.*

*The church that speaks forgiveness confesses its own need;  
the church that feels its hunger finds grace to care and feed;  
our famished world is crying, its future filled with dread;  
we praise your name, who fill us, the Baker and the Bread.*

*The church that offers healing discerns its wounds and loss;  
the church that faces dying shares life beyond the cross;  
to people torn and broken your mercy is revealed;  
we praise your name, who love us, the Healer and the Healed.*

*Our feeble voices struggle to sing your justice clear;  
the world has sunk in silence, each discord echoes fear.  
One voice along is ragged; together, we are strong;  
we praise your name, who breathe us, the Singer and the Song.*

*Blessing*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**  
May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday – May 23, 2021

**Pentecost Sunday**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15