

# ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

**May 16, 2021    10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

## Brass Ensemble

### Litany

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;  
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest  
for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,  
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing  
your praise.

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

### ***Come and Go with Me to My Father's House***

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Come and go with me to my Father's house,  
To my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Come and go with me to my Father's house,  
Where there's joy, joy, joy!

Jesus is the way to my Father's house,  
To my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Jesus is the way to my Father's house,  
Where there's joy, joy, joy!

Jesus is the light in my Father's house,  
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.  
Jesus is the light in my Father's house,  
Where there's joy, joy, joy!

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## **Welcome and Word for this Day**



Wisdom speaks:

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was  
beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

*And now, my children, listen to me:  
happy are those who keep my ways.*

*Hear instruction and be wise,  
and do not neglect it.  
Happy is the one who listens to me,  
watching daily at my gates,  
waiting beside my doors.  
For whoever finds me finds life  
and obtains favor from the Lord;  
but those who miss me injure themselves;  
all who hate me love death.*

### **Gospel of 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.*

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*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.*

***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

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Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
 With a liberating light;  
 Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
 Turning blindness into sight.  
 Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
 Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
 Calming storms and feeding thousands  
 With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children  
 With a strong yet gentle word;  
 Praise the One who drove out demons  
 With a piercing, two-edged sword.  
 Praise the One who brings cool water  
 To the desert's burning sand;  
 From this well comes living water,  
 Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the One true love incarnate:  
 Christ, who suffered in our place;  
 Jesus died and rose for many  
 That we may know God by grace.  
 Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
 Seeing what our God has done.  
 Praise the one redeeming glory;  
 Praise the One who makes us one.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

Book of Common Prayer

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.**

## **Sermon**

Pr. Kristina

## ***How Great Thou Art***

ELW 856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

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**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
 How great thou art! How great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
 How great thou art! How great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;     **Refrain:**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
 He bled and died to take away my sin;     **Refrain:**

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation,  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim, *My God, how great thou art!*     **Refrain:**

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**Prayers of the Church**

Christina Brennan Lee



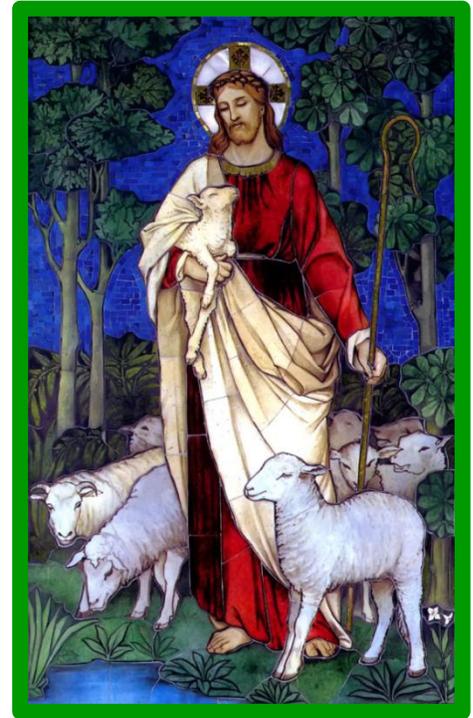
**Offering/Offertory**     *Children of the Heavenly  
Father*     ELW 781

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.



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### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth,  
Day by day you shower us with blessings  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
Give us glad and generous hearts,  
Ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
who calls us beloved children,  
who gathers us into one flock,  
who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

**We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We have not loved our sisters and brothers  
as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and  
make us new, that we may know your abundant life in  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## Absolution

In this is love, not that we loved God  
but that God loved us and sent the Son  
to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.  
Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy,  
and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

# HOLY COMMUNION



## Invitation

Jesus said, *I am the true vine.  
Abide in me as I abide in you.*

## Words of Institution

## Lord's Prayer

## THE MEAL

**Communion Hymn***How Beautiful*

Rhonda R.

*How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled,  
That took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ.*

*And as he laid down his life,  
We offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as he died:  
Willing to pay the price,  
Willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news and the love of the King.  
How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful.*

## Prayer

Life-giving Lord, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of Heaven and the wine of Love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Christ, Jesus.

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness. God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you and comfort you. **Amen.**

## ***Go, My Children with My Blessing***

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Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
 In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

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Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
Here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

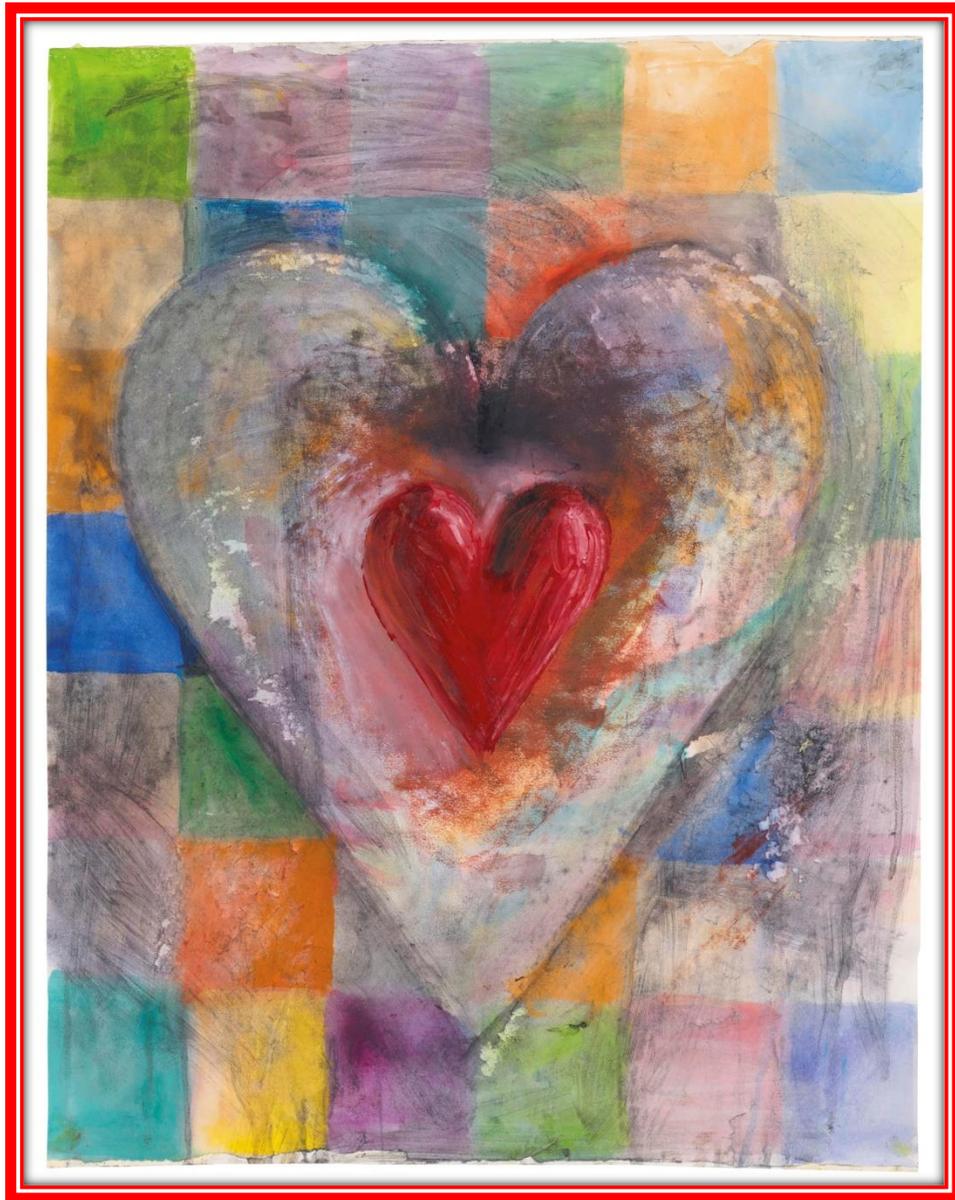
## Postlude

Rhonda R.

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## Thank You

We extend our appreciation to  
Rhonda Reece and Lisa Daehlin for their musical ministry.  
Information about Pr. Kristina's farewell service on June 27  
and her last Sunday at NRC on July 4  
will be included in next week's bulletin.



*Patched Heart ~ Jim Dine*



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