

7th Sunday in Easter

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*Inwardly
We NEED
This Unseen
Perspective*

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR! The Psalm writer exulted, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord!’” We’re glad to be here; especially after an extended time away. We’re glad you’ve joined us! The order of worship is printed in this folder; we pray that you’ll find it to be uplifting. Blessings on your worship!

TODAY’S FOCUS: After His resurrection, Jesus appeared off and on to His followers. One time He said, “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised ...” (Acts 1:4). Then, 40 days after His resurrection, He visibly ascended to heaven. And the disciples? They waited! I’d imagine some of that waiting time was challenging: “How long do we wait? For what are we waiting? How will we know when the waiting is over?” It’s all about your perspective and experience – both of which are transformed when we’re guided by God’s eternal perspective.

SILENT PRAYER: Lord Jesus, You are the Ruler of all things! Forgive me for doubting, questioning, worrying, wondering and wandering as I wait for the fulfillment of the promise of eternal life which You’ve given me. Lead me to wait patiently. Assure me that You are with me in all of my waiting time. In Your powerful, saving name I pray. Amen.

WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF OUR GRACIOUS KING!

A LITANY OF PRAISE

Minister: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: Christ is ascended into heaven! Alleluia!

C: And he will come again! Alleluia!

M: Clap your hands, all you nations!

C: Shout to God with cries of joy!

M: How awesome is the Lord Most high!

C: The great King over all the earth!

M: God has ascended amid shouts of joy!

C: The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets!

M: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

M: For God is the King of all the earth!

C: God is seated on his holy throne!

M: “Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

C: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand.

C: **Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (p.5) CW, #142

WE LISTEN TO OUR GRACIOUS RULER

GOSPEL READING John 17:1–11a (NIV84)

“After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: ‘Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.”’

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH IN OUR ASCENDED SAVIOR (from Philippians 2)

I believe in Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God,
Did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
But made himself nothing, taking on the very nature of a servant,
Being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
And became obedient unto death—even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
And gave him the name that is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

HYMN OF THE DAY Day by Day (p. 6)

CWS, #765

THE SERMON 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 “Inwardly We NEED This Unseen Perspective”

It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

WE RESPOND TO OUR GRACIOUS KING

THE OFFERING

(The members of Our Savior have joined together to spread God’s message both in this community and around the world.)

PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER (spoken together)

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 forever and ever. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

M: “Hallelujah! Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!”

C: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory.”

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by His power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you all the spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which He has called you the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints and His incomparably great power for us who believe. (Eph. 1:17-19) And may He preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God’s people say, “Amen!”

C: **Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (p.7)

CW, # 451

142 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing

God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.
 From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.

See the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!

And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, adapt.
 Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547

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1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993
 Tune: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

PRECIOUS LORD
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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/24) **8:00 am** **Worship Service**
 10:30 am **Worship Service**
 7:00 pm **Worship Service**
Sunday (5/31) **8:00 am** **Worship Service**
 10:30 am **Worship Service**

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	Joel 2:28-29
2nd Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel	John 15:26-27
Psalms	Psalms 51b

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FIRST LESSON:

John 17:1-11a

SERMON:

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

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