

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God!

(based on Psalm 67)

Call to Worship

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am.
Be still and know.
Be still.
Be.

Opening Hymn: Gather Us In (More Voices 7) *(sing twice through)*

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Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Opening Prayer

O God, you called us by name to come,
and we respond with delight and gladness
In joyful obedience,
we come to worship our God.

Rising out of the depths of despair,
we gratefully gather for worship.

In joyful hope,
we come to worship our loving God.

Our God had given us a new song
of praise to sing to our Awesome God!
In joyful trust,
we come to worship our God. Amen.

(inspired by Psalm 40: 1-11)

Hymn: Psalm 42 (As the Deer Pants for the Water) Voices United 766

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- 1 As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.
Refrain You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
- 2 I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. *Refrain*
- 3 You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything! *Refrain*

Psalm 22

Reflection:

Introductory remarks (Nancy)

Bono and Eugene Peterson discuss the Psalms (YouTube Video)

Hymn of the Day: Psalm 91, On Eagle's Wings (Voices United 808)

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- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my Rock in whom I trust.'
Refrain 'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings your refuge,
God's faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to God's angels is given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

'And hold you, hold you in the palm
of my hand.'

Invitation to Offering

All that we have, all that we are, our feasting and our fasting,
we offer to God. Let us now present our offerings.

Offering Prayer

**On my own
what I have to give
doesn't amount to much
in the light of all you have given to me
and in the face of so much need.
Put together as a congregation,
what we offer you here in love
becomes more,
not simply added together,
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.
We ask you to bless our gifts
and with the addition of your blessing,
just as it was with the loaves and fishes,
there is enough for all. Amen**

Psalm 23

Parting Hymn: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

(More Voices 30, v. 1, 2 & 4)

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- 1 It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

1 It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

4 It's a chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

Benediction

Hallelujah!

Praise God in this holy house of worship,

praise God under the open skies;

Praise God for God's acts of power.

Praise with a blast on the trumpet,

praise by strumming soft strings;

Praise God with castanets and dance,

praise God with banjo and flute;

Praise God with cymbals and a big bass drum,

praise God with fiddles and mandolin.

Let every living, breathing creature praise God!

Hallelujah!

Go into the week praising God in all you do.

Go with the love of God,

the hope of the Spirit,

and the peace of Christ.

based on Psalm 150, the Message translation)

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Postlude