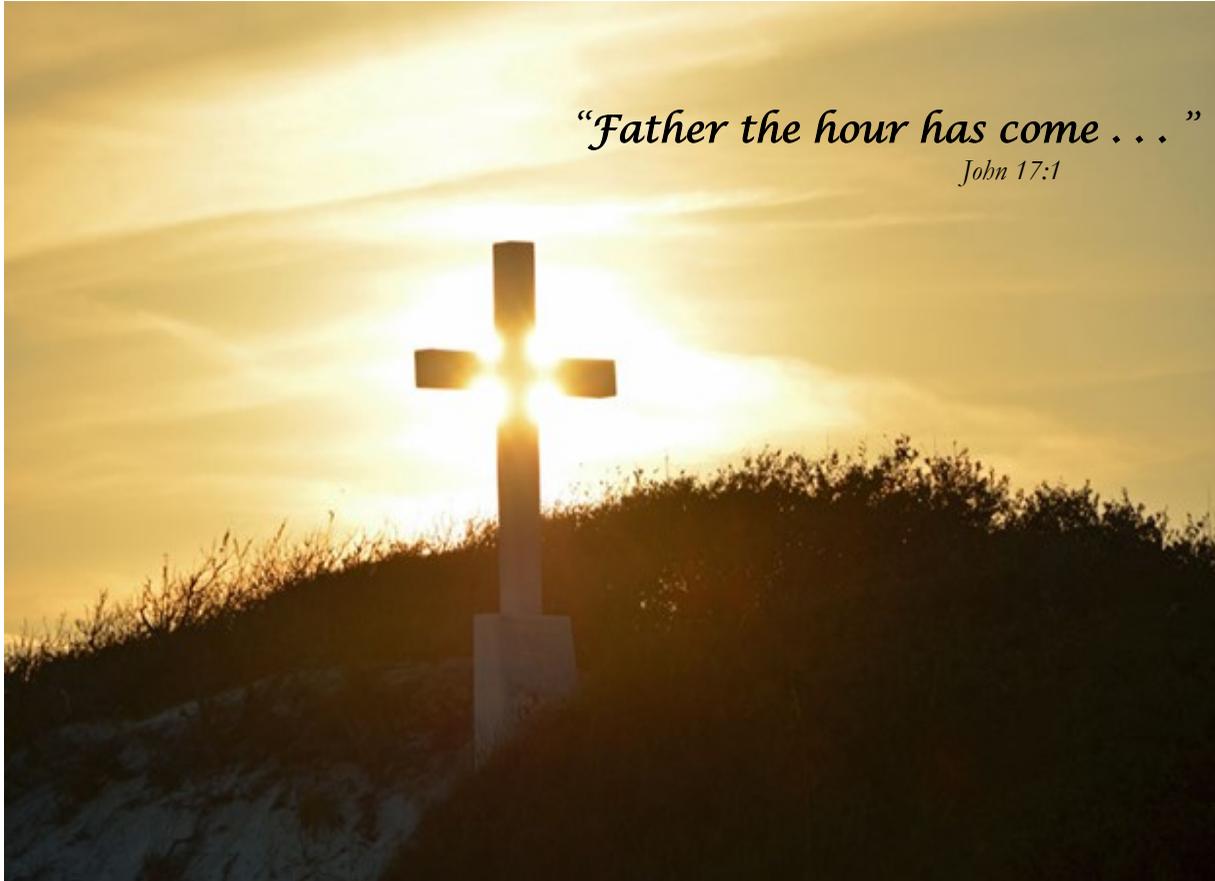


Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



“Father the hour has come . . . ”
John 17:1

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude: “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Samuel S. Wesley, 1864/
arr. James Mansfield, 1982*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.
All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!
One: Sing to God, all peoples of the world.
Sing praises to God most high.
**All: From the sanctuary of heaven,
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**
One: Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.
All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Opening Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

No. 142

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Almighty God,
your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens.
that he might fill all things.,
Mercifully give us faith to trust
that, as he promised,
he abides with us n earth to the end of time;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Litany for Ascension of the Lord

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Invitation to Confession

Sister and brothers,
God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you eternally.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Loving God,
we confess that we do not always bring honor
and glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and
mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace
to love and serve your world. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (*singing in unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers,
the Spirit of God is resting on you,
to restore, support, and strengthen you.
Therefore, be at peace in the One
who forgives and loves you;
rise up and give God thanks.

Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God,
bless us with a word of life this day
to restore, support, and strengthen us
as we seek to be one with you. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-14

P. 118 in the New Testament

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Congregational Hymn: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 306

Second Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11

P. 111 in the New Testament

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“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.

Sermon: A Dying Prayer

Rev. Jim DeMent

John 17:1: “Father, the hour has come . . .”

Silence and stillness

Congregational Hymn: “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

No. 504

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(singing in unison)*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Jesus Shall Reign"

No. 423



We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this "Virtual Worship Service." All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read and sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in, now, the Season of Eastertide. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from 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!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all!

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

We've a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great Kingdom shall come on earth,
The Kingdom of love and light.

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who reigneth above
Has sent us His Son to save us,
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.



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Choirmaster's Notes

Although there are three well-known tunes written for "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," we are singing the most popular one in North America: "Coronation." This tune was written by Oliver Holden in 1793 after the birth of his daughter.

Holden (1765-1844) was born in Shirley Massachusetts. A carpenter by trade, he moved to Charlestown, Massachusetts at age twenty-one, where he helped rebuild the town after it had been burned by the British. He conducted the choir who sang this hymn (to the tune of "Coronation") for the ceremony honoring George Washington's 1789 visit to Boston.

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