

**Order of Worship
For
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Graduation Sunday
May 21, 2023**

Today, we celebrate all those who are graduating to a new chapter in their lives!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

KYRIE

(from the ELW, pages 140-141)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb, who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER

O God of glory, Your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to Your right hand. Unite us with Christ and with each other in suffering and in joy, so that all the world may be drawn to Your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“This is My Father’s World”

ELW 823

READING

1st Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

**The lesson is from the first letter of Peter,
chapter four, verses twelve through fourteen
and chapter five verses six through eleven.**

Peter writes:

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when His glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

*⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To Him be the power forever and ever.
Amen*

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

**The Gospel reading is from John,
chapter seventeen, verses one through eleven.**

Jesus proclaims:

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, ² since You have given Him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. ⁴ I glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You gave Me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "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. ⁷ Now they know that everything You have given Me is from You, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ 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."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Give it to God"

Rev. David Hewitt

MESSAGE

"Not Institutional, But Inspirational"

Rev. David Hewitt

HYMN

"Lord, Be Glorified"

ELW 744

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.

C: Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We now take a few moments to confess to You sins that particularly disturb us.

[Pause]

***Yes, O Lord our God, we ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved.
Amen.***

P: As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God's authority, I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

OFFERING

Your offerings are more than just money to keep the lights turned on. Your gifts help to sustain and expand all of our ministries here at King of Glory, including those which provide direct assistance to those in our community who are in need. We are grateful for all of the gifts we receive, and we strive to be good stewards of the resources you provide to us.

On the first Sunday of each month, we take up a special offering towards world hunger. If you are giving online, simply select the "World Hunger" option.

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**HYMN
"We Are an Offering"
ELW 692**

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
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 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.

CHORAL OFFERING

"Here is Love"

*presented by the **King of Glory Choir**,
under the direction of **Julie Shadinger***

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***For those worshipping in-house,
We invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may do so.***

For those worshipping online,
If you are able,
we invite you to join us for communion where you are!
You may use any kind of bread and either wine or grape juice, so that you may
also receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

HYMN

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW 821

(sung twice through)

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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