

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper
Room of His Church on Earth
May 17, 2026 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave me to do. Jesus prays. Jesus reveals that His greatest glory is to enter into suffering with us and for us. And not only on the cross as He did when His hour came. But also to join us in our present day suffering, to shine the glory of His death for us as we walk through this journey of life. Even now, He glorifies you in His Word. He glorifies you in His gift of eternal life, that you know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. You are glorified in Jesus. Right now. Today. And forever.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “Battle Belongs” Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

Chorus

So, when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me Who can be against me?
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb

Chorus

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O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

Bridge

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against The power of our God
You shine in the shadows You win every battle
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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

People: Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed: We have not loved You with our whole heart, We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; We repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

BAPTISM: Hayes Christopher Zens

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: "Give Me Jesus" Jeremy Camp

Verse 1

In the morning, when I rise In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise Just give me Jesus

Chorus

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

Verse 2

When I am alone, Oh when I am alone,
Oh when I am alone, Just give me Jesus.

Chorus

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

Verse 3

When I come to die, Oh when I come to die,
Oh when I come to die, Just give me Jesus.

End Chorus

Give me Jesus Give me Jesus
You can have all this world, You can have all this world,
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: O God, the inexhaustible fount of life, You accepted the offering of Your Son, sacrificed for the salvation of the world. Consecrate us in that unity which is Your Spirit's gift, that we may abide always in Your love and become witnesses of the resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

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The First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room

where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms: “‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, “‘May another take his place of leadership.’”

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of

God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour 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 know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing 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.

Here ends the reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: “You’ve Already Won” Hooper | Fike | Ryan

Verse 1

There’s peace that outlasts darkness Hope that’s in the blood
There’s future grace that's mine today That Jesus Christ has won

Verse 2

So I can face tomorrow For tomorrow’s in Your hands
All I need You will provide Just like You always have

Chorus

I’m fighting a battle That you’ve already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don’t know what You’re doing But I know what You’ve done
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

Verse 4

When the sea is raging Your Spirit is my help
He’ll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ And I’ll say that is well
Oh I know that it is well

Chorus

I’m fighting a battle That you’ve already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome

I don’t know what You’re doing But I know what You’ve done
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

Bridge

I know how this story ends We will be with You again
You’re my Savior my defense No more fear in life or death
I know how this story ends.

Chorus

I’m fighting a battle That you’ve already won
No matter what comes my way I will overcome
I don’t know what You’re doing But I know what You’ve done
I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

Ending

I’m fighting a battle You’ve already won

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “My Lighthouse” Rend Collective

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold

Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms
(Repeat 3 times)

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!