



Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020

Opening Music: Cara Halpin

Gathering of the Community & Welcome: Cheryl Palmer

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading: Cathy Gibbs

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

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. 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. 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. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 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.

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. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:12 - 14, 5:6 – 11)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Homily: Molly Finlay

(NB: After the homily, please unmute your phones by pressing *6 if you would like to join the congregational singing and prayers)

Music: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

**Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

**Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!**

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Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Postlude Music