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# Sunday Worship

May 17, 2015 – 10:00 AM

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (\* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

\*Gathering Song: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee; and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man; Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave. Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night their God, Redeemer, King. Their songs before him day and night their God, Redeemer, King.

**Priest:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Priest:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Song of Praise: God of This City - Chris Tomlin

You're the God of this city; You're the King of these people; You're the Lord of this nation; You are.

You're the light in this darkness; You're the hope to the hopeless; You're the peace to the restless; You are.

There is no one like our God. There is no one like our God.

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city. Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city.

*(Repeat from beginning)*

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done here.

There is no one like our God. There is no one like you God.

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city. Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done.

We believe, we believe in you God. Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done in this city.

Greater things have yet to come; Greater things are still to be done here; Greater things are still to be done here.

**\*All: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**A Reading from I John**

(5:9-15)

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gradual Song: Greater Grace**

Long ago even before You made the world You chose me through what Christ would do. A greater grace You gave to me. You are the source and Jesus is the means.

Forgiveness, adoption, acceptance is Your grace and I fall on my face and I yield to You.

**\*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(17:6-19)

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world

so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

## **Sermon** (please be seated)

**\*Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **\*Prayers of the People**

**Leader:** Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the blessing of peace:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation, and grant us the needful gifts of your grace:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Yu's Chinese Restaurant that the business would grow, the employees would have full, healthy lives and those who eat there would develop rich, strong relationships:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the Congregations and clergy of St. Peter's, Arlington, St. James's, Richmond, St. Stephen's, Richmond that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies and para church organizations throughout Metropolitan Richmond:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would fulfill its God given purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** That those called to children's ministry may be added to our fellowship:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays to the mercy and protections of God. **Amen.**

### **\*Exchange of Peace**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory:** **Amazing Love** – Brian Kendrick

My Lord what love is this that pays so dearly that I, the guilty one, may go free!

*(Chorus:)* Amazing love, O what sacrifice the son of God given for me. My debt He pays and my death He dies, that I might live, that I might live.

And so they watched Him die despised, rejected, but oh, the blood He shed flowed for me! *(Chorus)*

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers; Come wash your guilt away, live again! *(Chorus)*

That I might live!

**\*Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\* Eucharistic Prayer**

**Priest:** Christ is risen!

**All:** **Christ is risen indeed.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Priest:** Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**All (Sung):** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**All:** All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

**Priest:** Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All:** Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

**Priest:** Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

**All:** By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song:** Humble King - Brenton Brown

*(Verse:)* Oh, kneel me down again here at Your feet. Show me how much You love humility. Oh Spirit, be the star that leads me to the humble heart of love I see in You.

*(Chorus:)* 'Cause You are the God of the broken, the Friend of the weak. You wash the feet of the weary; embrace the ones in need. I want to be like You, Jesus, to have this heart in me. You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.

*(Repeat Verse; Chorus)*

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

**Song of Dismissal:** Today Is the Day - Lincoln Brewster

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind. I'm setting my heart and mind on you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, its good.

*(Chorus)* Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind. I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more, knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good.

*Instrumental*

*(Chorus)* Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day you have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving you my fears and sorrows. Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day. Today is the day. Today is the day.

**Priest:** Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks are to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Remember in your prayers:**

Larry Kidd  
The Symphony Retirement Community  
Ken Killian, Pete LeViness' stepfather  
David Gammon

Sonny Baharloo  
John Maher, Sr.  
Wayne Connors

Robin and John Snow  
Paula Gordon  
Linda Eggleston

**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin  
**Other Members:** Larry Kidd

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker  
Libby Clark

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalciers for April, May and early June. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalciers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
17-May	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford
24-May	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
31-May	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Jun	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

**~Announcements~**

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

Sunday, May 24	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 31	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 7	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

**Our Missional Communities:**

**The Parke** will meet on May 17 at 5:00 p.m. for pot luck at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot. Contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com).

**Symphony** - Bobbie and Pete LeViness will both be away on Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day weekend), which is normally the Sunday they would offer a worship service at Symphony Hall. If anyone is interested in leading a worship service that Sunday at Symphony Hall (from about 9:00 to about 9:45 a.m. on May 24, please contact Bobbie as soon as you can at: [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com)

**Financial Update** - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<b><u>Deposits</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>or (Loss)</u></b>
<b>2015</b>			
1st Quarter	<b>\$23,344.99</b>	<b>\$24,228.82</b>	<b>(\$883.83)</b>
April	\$7,293.33	\$7,915.87	<b>(\$622.54)</b>
May	\$5,083.33	\$3,162.54	<b>\$1,920.79</b>
June	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$12,376.66</b>	<b>\$11,078.41</b>	<b>\$1,298.25</b>
<b>2015 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$35,721.65</b>	<b>\$35,307.23</b>	<b>\$414.42</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b><u>Beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2015</b>	\$32,005.82	\$32,420.24	<b>\$ 414.42</b>

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