

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 17, 2026

**Gathering Hymn**    *Come, People of the Living God – Common Praise 554*    *All stand as able*

1. Come, peo-ple of the liv - ing God, who is your life, your song; come  
 2. No lon-ger do I strain to grasp per - fec-tion or con - trol; my  
 3. For I have stilled my striv-ing, God; safe in your arms I rest, a  
 4. Well sat - is - fied, I trust in you; your love e - nough for me! My

hope and trust your Mo-ther's love, re - newed through a - ges long.  
 work is love and joy and peace through Grace who makes me whole.  
 child who's grown and ful - ly formed, se - cure and loved and blessed.  
 God, re - main - ing near your heart, I live ser - ene and free.

**Collect of the Day**    *All stand as able*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

**People**    **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

O God, the God 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.

**People**    **Amen.**

**First Reading – Acts 1:6-14** *All may be seated.*

**Reader** A reading from the book of Acts

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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 were set by God's 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, "People 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.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 68:1-10; 33-36** *All remain seated; text is read in unison.*

**Let God arise and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate the Lord flee.**

**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

**But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.**

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's Name;  
exalt God who rides upon the heavens;  
YAHWEH is God's Name, rejoice before God!**

**Parent of orphans, defender of widows, God in the holy habitation!  
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

**O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,**

**The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

**You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

**Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

**Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.**

**God rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
God sends forth God's voice, God's mighty voice.**

**Ascribe power to God;  
God's majesty is over Israel;  
God's strength is in the skies.**

**How wonderful is God in God's holy places!  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to God's people!  
Blessed be God!**

**Second Reading** – 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *All remain seated.*

*Reader* A reading from the book of First 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 God may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on God, because God 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 siblings 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 God's eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** – John 17:1-11 *All stand as able*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Offertory

Lord of All Hopefulness – Voices Found 131



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Communion

One Bread, One Body – Gather Comprehensive 830



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,



one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

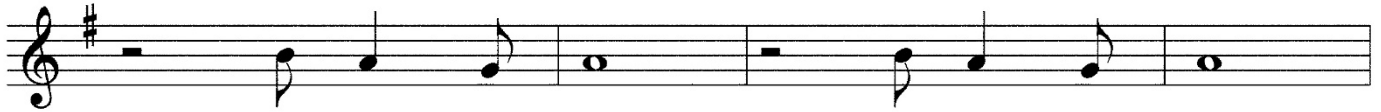


we, though man-y, through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses



- 1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
- 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
- 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

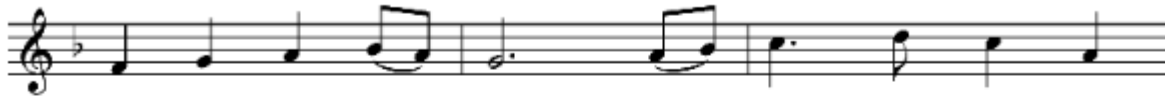


wom - an or man no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.