

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN—**432**

*Hymns Old & New*

In the name of the Father,  
and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*  
Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without sin. He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us. Through him we approach the throne of grace with confidence, and confess our sins.

You have ascended to God's right hand.  
Lord, have mercy.  
R. **Lord, have mercy.**

You pour on us the gifts of the Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
R. **Christ, have mercy.**

You sustain us with the power of your word.  
Lord, have mercy.  
R. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us ✠ our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you**

**are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING

*Acts 16.19b-34*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Silas were seized and dragged into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the

jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 97*

R/. The Lord is King, most high above all the earth. (*All repeat*)

The Lord is King, let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, his throne is founded on right and justice. R/.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. For you Lord are most high over all the earth, exalted far above all spirits. R/.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joy for the true of heart. Rejoice in the Lord you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. R/.

SECOND READING

*Rev 22.12–14,16–17,20*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the

beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN— **86**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 14.18,16.22*

**Alleluia.**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord: I shall return to you, and your hearts shall rejoice.

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

*Jn 17.20–26*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:—

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

"Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am,

to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite the NICENE CREED.

**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, (all bow) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (all rise) 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*  
V. Lord, hear us. R. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
or V. Lord, in your mercy, R. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*  
V. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;  
R. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All *stand* as the priest introduces the PEACE.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN— **174**

*The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Accept, Lord, our prayers and offerings. Grant that our loving worship may help us to reach the glory of heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying, you destroyed our death;**

**rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces 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,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.*

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

COMMUNION HYMN— **525**

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **70**

*The service may end with the REGINA CÆLI.*

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:**

**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,**

**As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.**

**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

∩. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:

℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**