

Seventh Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **174 (omit verses 4 & 5)**
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.

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

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

You sustain us with the power of your word.
Lord, have mercy.
℟. **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 lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year A

FIRST READING

Acts 1.6–14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was 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. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 68

℟. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

(All repeat)

Let God arise, let his foes be scattered.
Let those who hate him flee before him.
But let the just rejoice at the presence of God,
let them exult and dance for joy. ℟.

When you went forth, O God, at the head of
your people,
when you marched across the desert, the
earth trembled:
the heavens melted at the presence of God,
at the presence of the God of Israel. ℟.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the
poor. ℟.

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God, praise
the Lord,
who rides on the heavens, the ancient heavens.
He thunders his voice, his mighty voice.
Come, acknowledge the power of God. ℟.

His glory is on Israel, his might is in the skies.
God is to be feared in his holy place.
Blessèd be the God of Israel
who gives strength and power to his people. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Pet 4.12–14; 5.6–11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery
trial when it comes upon you to test you, as
though something strange were happening to
you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's
sufferings, that you may also rejoice and
be glad when his glory is revealed. If you
are insulted for the name of Christ, you are
blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of
God rests upon you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the
mighty hand of God so that at the proper

time he may exalt you, casting all your
anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be
sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary
the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm
in your faith, knowing that the same kinds
of suffering are being experienced by your
brotherhood throughout the world. 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, confirm,
strengthen, and establish you. To him be the
dominion for ever and ever, Amen.

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 17.1–11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son
that the Son may glorify you, since you have
given him authority over all flesh, to give eter-
nal life to all whom you have given him. And
this is eternal life, that they know you the only
true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have
sent. I glorified you on earth, having accom-
plished the work that you gave me to do. And
now, Father, glorify me in your own presence
with the glory that I had with you before the
world existed.

“I have manifested your name to the peo-
ple whom you gave me out of the world. Yours
they were, and you gave them to me, and they
have kept your word. Now they know that

everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

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:

∇. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ∇. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∇. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions may 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— **11**

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, and grant that through our loving worship we may rise to 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— **363**

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— **13**

The service may be followed by REGINA CAELI.

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.**

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