

A Morning Liturgy for the Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Please know that we remain seated throughout the service.

Do help us by taking this order of service home.

Notices may be given

Welcome

Jesus Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We light the Easter candle.

Opening Responses

May God be among us throughout this day

Amen.

May Christ be beside us throughout this day

Amen.

May the Spirit be within us throughout this day

Amen.

May we, as we gather again as God's people,
live in harmony with the Blessed Three
to whom be praise and glory forever.

Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Each and every thing we have received
from God it came.

Each and every thing we enjoy
from God it comes.

Each and every thing we pray for
from God it will be given.

God of life,
you are the source of all goodness
and satisfy all our desires.

When our understanding of you is small;
increase it, we pray.

When our desire to do your will is weak;
enliven it, we pray.

When the seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit;
ripen it, we pray.

But first, create in us clean hearts
 as, in your sight,
 we unburden ourselves of guilt,
 of anger and of fear,
 of pride and of hardness of heart,
 of weakness of intention.

A short silence is kept.

Lord of all
have mercy upon us.

Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world
make peace within us.

Lord of heaven and earth
**forgive us our sins,
 be with us and for us,
 wherever life takes us.**

In the common path of our calling
 whether it be easy or uneasy to tread,
 whether it be bright or dark to follow,
 we pray, may your perfect guidance protect us.

**Be a shield against all that might deceive us,
 Be a healer for all that might harm us,
 be a witness of all that might trouble us
 be a friend to all who are dear to us,
 this day and until we meet in glory. Amen.**

Before the reading

God of glory,
you nourish us with your word, which is the bread of life.

Our first reading is from the book of Acts (1.15–17,21–26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

In this is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Our second reading is from John's gospel (17.6-19)

'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.

In this is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Address and Reflection

The address may be followed by a time of reflection with music playing.

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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Intercessions

The following response may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Acclamations

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

5.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:

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he will lead us in God's
To God almighty, Father
be praise and glory to
Amen.



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The Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Easter Candle is extinguished.