

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer

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VIRTUAL WORSHIP BULLETIN



Prelude: *For the Beauty of the Earth* Will L. Thompson, arr. Phillip Keveren

Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia!**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him flee before him.

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 his Name;

exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *

God in his 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.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(1:6-14)

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 the Father has set 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, 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, “Men 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus (Isaiah 12:2-6)

**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

(4:12-14; 5:6-11)

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 he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he 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 brothers and sisters 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 his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21: We Praise You, O God

Te Deum laudamus

**We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Gospel According to John *John 17:1-11*

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."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now 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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Other Collects as appropriate from the *Book of Common Prayer*

A Collect for the Mission of the Church

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: 'Tis the gift to be simple



The Prayers of the People

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace.

Awake, O Church, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love.

Awake, O World, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other.

Awake, O People, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help.

Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness.

Awake, O Saints, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope.

Awake, O Soul, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

You are invited to name, silently or aloud, prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Celebrant: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, alleluia!

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements

Blessing and Recognition of Graduates

Let us pray.

God, we stand with these people at a crossroads in their lives, celebrating with them all that they have accomplished, even as they gaze towards new horizons. Ever-creating God, dance in the hearts, minds, and souls of these graduates as they mark this ending and step forward into new beginnings. Let all of heaven rejoice with them! **Amen.**

To the High School graduates all say:

We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth into the world. You are now preparing to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places. We send you forth with all our love and support and hope that you remember that we will continue to be here, keeping you in prayer. **Amen.**

To the College graduates all say:

Every journey has its milestones, and you've just reached a big one. Take a breath. Then step forward into new life. We pray you continue to discover the gifts God has given you and that the love of Christ always shines through you. **Amen.**

Blessing

All wise, all loving God, look with love on our graduates and bless them as they complete their varied years of school. May they walk in God's grace and grow in God's love all the days of their lives, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Thanksgivings of the Community

You are invited to come forward to offer public thanks for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, and unexpected act of compassion, or another grace-filled change in your life. We close this time with the following prayer:

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they mark this day. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Hymn: *We are one in the Spirit* v.1, 4



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



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we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. —