

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Procession into the Church*

Hymnal # 214

*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

**Hail the day that sees Him rise Alleluia!  
Glorious to His native skies Alleluia!  
Christ awhile to mortals giv'n Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n Alleluia!**

**There the glorious triumph waits Alleluia!  
Lift your heads eternal gates Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in Alleluia!**

**See! He lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!**

**Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
There thy face unclouded see Alleluia!  
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!**

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Song of Praise*

*He Is Lord*

**He is Lord. He is Lord. He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

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*The Collect of the Day*

Celebrant            The Lord be with you.  
People                **And also with you.**  
Celebrant            Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day.

*The First Reading: Acts 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.  
People                **Thanks be to God.**

*The Response: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
   let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **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.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
   let them also be merry and joyful.

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

**6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth  
prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

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

**8 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.**

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

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

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

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**36 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 for ever. Amen.**

*The Epistle: 1 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.

*People*            The Word of the Lord.  
                         **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn*

*In My Life, Lord*

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

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*The Gospel:* John 17:1-11

*People*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                         according to John.  
                         **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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Sermon*—The Very Rev. Carol Mead

*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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

*Prayers of the People—Form III*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*The Confession & Absolution*

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Absolution*

Celebrant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### *Offertory*

#### *Presentation of our Gifts*

#### *The Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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#### *The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper Preface is said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### *The Sanctus*

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

Celebrant    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.** \

**Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners crucified, O holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.**

**Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb.  
Praise Him, praise Him, heaven and earth resound.**

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*The Communion*

*Communion Hymns*

*Bind Us Together*

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
bind us together in love.  
There is only one God, there is only one King;  
there is only one Body, that is why we sing**

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*Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!**

*Refrain*      **A-le-lu-ia, a-le-lu-ia, a-le-lu-ia! a-le-lu, a-le-lu-ia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia! *refrain***

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*Postcommunion Hymn*

Hymnal # 178

*Alleluia, Give Thanks*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. refrain**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. refrain**

**We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. refrain**

**Come let us praise the living God.  
Joyfully sing to our Savior. refrain**

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*Postcommunion Prayer*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Procession into the World*

Hymnal #460

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore."**

**Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

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*The Dismissal Response*

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