



# A Liturgy of the Word Seventh Sunday of Easter

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**The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.**

## Processional Hymn

**1 At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.**

**2 Mighty and mysterious  
in the highest height,  
God from everlasting,  
very light of light,  
in the Father's bosom  
with the spirit blest,  
love, in love eternal.  
rest, in perfect rest**

**3 Humbled for a season  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death he passed.**

**4 Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures  
to the central height  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast  
filled it with the glory,  
of that perfect rest**

**5 In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true;  
crown him as your Captain  
in temptation's hour:  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.**

**6 Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.**



## Call to Worship

Let us join our hearts in praise  
**As we give thanks to the Father, whose promise is sure**

Happy are those whose trust is in the Lord  
**They are like trees planted beside streams of water**



Give thanks to the Son who died and rose for us  
**In his name we have victory; praise be to God!**

### *Introductory Rite*

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Praise the Lord:  
**Praise God, you servants of the Lord.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.**

### *The Gloria*

**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.**

### *Collect for Purity*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleans 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.**





*The Kyrie*

**Nkosi sihawukele  
Nkosi sihawukele  
Nkosi sihawukele**

**Kriste sihawukele  
Kriste sihawukele  
Kriste sihawukele**

**Nkosi sihawukele  
Nkosi sihawukele  
Nkosi sihawukele**

*The Penitence*

Regularly, we fall short of God's standards. Most grievous to God is our failure to love one another. Let us confess this failure and pray for a heart after God's own.

*Let us confess together:*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you  
through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your Name.**

*Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you:  
pardon your sins and set you free from them;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Collect*

**Triune God,  
Jesus prayed that we might be one:  
help us to transcend our differences  
and find our unity in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**





## *The Word of God*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

## *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Open our hearts o Lord

To listen to your words of your Son

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## *Gospel Reading*

John 17:6-19

## *The Sermon*

by Rev Margaret Place

## *Affirmation of Faith*

*Let us declare our faith in God in the words of the Creed.*

**I believe and trust in God the Father  
who made the world.**

**I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ  
Who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit  
who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

Lord Jesus Christ, at your departure your disciples became worried and anxious.

As we ready ourselves to receive your Spirit once more, and especially in light of the threat of a third wave of Covid, we ask that you would allay our fears and grant us your abiding peace.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**





Lord Jesus, before you left this earth you prayed for your disciples to be one. Today we pray for the unity of the Church. We pray for our brothers and sisters of other faiths and ask your grace and guidance to be upon them. We pray for the various Orthodox Churches and their Patriarchs. We pray for the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis. Finally, we pray for the Anglican Communion, for Archbishop Justin Welby, for our own Archbishop Thabo, and for Steve, our Diocesan Bishop. We pray for the conviction of your Holy Spirit, Lord, and for the grace to achieve the unity you desire.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord of all peoples, we read in your word how, without fulfilling any precondition or legal requirement, your Holy Spirit was given freely to the Gentiles. By your Holy Spirit, grant us eyes to see all people as equals, and as created in your image. We pray that you would grant us the same self-giving nature that expresses the love of the Trinity. Help us not to live for ourselves but to seek the good of our neighbour and those around us and, especially, of those less privileged than ourselves.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord God, in the early Church, the apostles elected Matthias to stand in the place of Judas. We pray for the election and appointment of all those seeking to serve you through the Church. We pray for the offices of Bishops, all clergy, parish ministers and parish councillors. Grant these people of the courage to hear your call, and the faithfulness to respond to it.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Gracious Father, your love is a perfect love expressed in the sacrifice of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. In ancient times, your Spirit empowered your people to live by your Law and thus to be a people pleasing unto you. As your Church seeks to live out your commandment of love, we pray that you would empower us, too, to be a people pleasing unto you. May we be able to love and to serve one another, and so abide in your commandments. Thereby may our joy be complete.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we ask that you would free us from the pitfalls of legalism and bureaucracy. Help us to recognise and uphold the spirit of your commandments in all situations. We pray, Lord, that you would enlighten us as to the purpose of the Church and, as its mission unfolds in these uncertain times. We pray that your Church would become a home for the spiritually lost, a haven for those seeking refuge, and a place of healing for the hurt and broken. Lord of love and life, be especially with our medical workers as they seek to prepare for, and contain, a potential third wave of COVID19.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We make these prayers in the name of your risen and ascended Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

### *Prayer for Offering*

Faithful Father, thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen**.



## *The Lord's Prayer*

*As Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to sing:*

**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 them that 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.**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives; thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. **Amen**

## *Final Blessing*

May the God who fashioned humankind from the earth sustain and nourish you; may the God who delivered a people from slavery and oppression grant you peace and justice; and may the God who overcame death through the death of his Son, grant you life eternal; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

## *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and service the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia**

## *Recessional Hymn*

**1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**



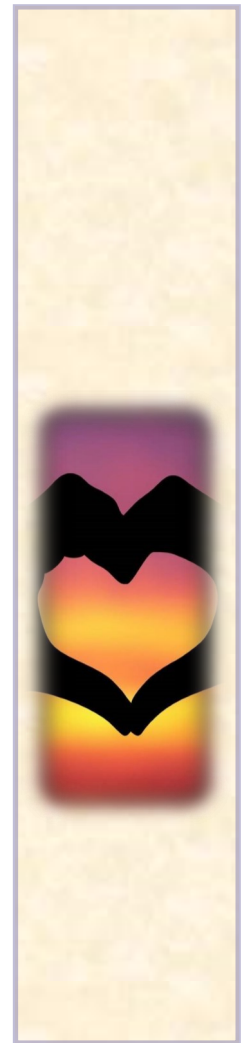


**2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**4 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

*Author: Charles Wesley (1744)*



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