



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 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for ev'ry sinner slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ reveals his endless reign.**

**2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall their true Messiah see**

**3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**



Introductory Rite

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice!
**The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;
all the peoples see God's glory.**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together
to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and
your purpose in the week to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. Amen**

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Penitence

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**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. Amen.**





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 Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia
Open our hearts O Lord
to listen to the words of your Son
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 17: 20-26

The Sermon

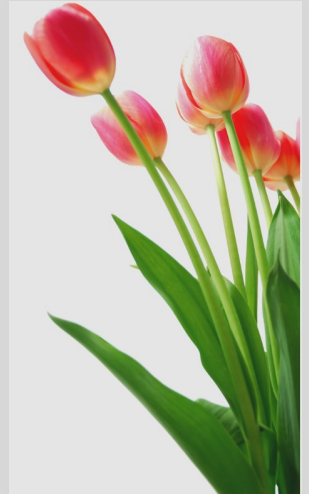
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Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith as we say,
**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 sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us bring our prayers to God, our holy and righteous Father, in faith that he will hear us and work out his purposes through our prayers.

As our Lord Jesus Christ prayed for all who follow him through the ages, we pray for his Church in the world. We pray for brothers and sisters of other denominations and for their leaders. We pray for our own leaders, Archbishop Thabo and Bishop Steve. Let the divisions of the Church be forgiven and healed. Let her members unite with one another in fellowship with Christ that the world may see and believe the Gospel.

Lord, In your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the needs of this world. Let its divisions be forgiven and healed. Let there be peaceful agreements between warring nations, a more just division of the riches of the earth and a more compassionate treatment of each other's wounds and needs.

Lord, In your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our families, our communities and our colleagues. Let our divisions be forgiven and healed. We pray for reconciliation with those from whom we are separated and give thanks for the relationships in which we enjoy the blessing of love and unity.

Lord, In your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for ourselves. Let the divisions within ourselves be healed. Through the grace of God may we find healing and grow into the wholeness and fullness of life which is found in union with Christ.

Lord, In your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will receive our prayers offered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who prayed for us, lived and died for us and who now reigns with you in the unity of your Holy Spirit now and always.

Amen.

Prayer for Offering

God of love, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude.

Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness enjoyed by those in need. Bless our lives that, through our relationships, others will be touched by the hope we know in Christ Jesus and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom

And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen



Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, father of all mercies
Here, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For you are good and full of lovingkindness
Pouring out your love to us and all whom you have made
We bless you, Lord, for our creation, preservation
And the blessings of this life
But most of all for your immeasurable love
The redemption of the world by Jesus Christ
For the means of grace and the hope of glory**

And give us such awareness of your mercies
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise
Not only with our lips but in our whole lives
Giving up ourselves to serve you, walking in your ways
In holiness and righteousness all of our days
And now, through Jesus Christ our Lord
To whom, with you and with the Holy Spirit raise
All the honour and the praise for evermore **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith;
May you be rooted and grounded in love;
May you grasp the full breadth and length
and height and depth of the love of Christ;
May you know that love, that surpasses knowledge
May you be filled with all the fulness of God.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of our risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia

Recessional Hymn

**1 At the name of Jesus
ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry 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 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;**

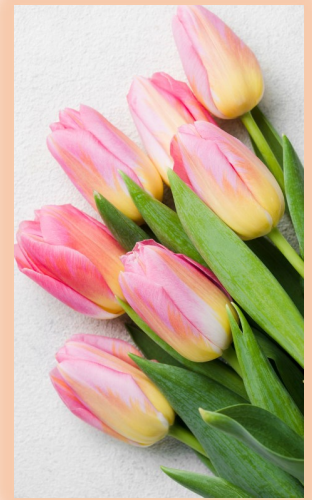




**3 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
thro' all ranks of creatures
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest**

**4 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 pow'r.**

**5 Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again
in 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.**



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