



A Liturgy of the Word Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Opening Hymn

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
'til trav'ling days are done.

Author: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



Call to Worship

We are called to be the body of Christ,

We are the ones called to serve as Christ in this world.

We are called to share in the gifts of the Spirit,

We are the ones who teach, care, and love as Christ loves us.

We are called to bring the Good News,

We are the ones who proclaim Christ's death and resurrection until Christ comes again.

Come, worship God,

Who dwells in us as the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

Introductory Rite

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



Song Praise

The following is sung

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken, 1637–1711



Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom 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.:**

The Kyrie

**Morena re hauhele
Morena re hauhele**

**Kreste re hauhele
Kreste re hauhele**



The Penitence

Let us confess our sins

**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

**All: 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 1:6-11
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
- 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11
- John 17: 1-11



Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia**

I Will Not Leave You Orphans, Says the Lord.
I Will Come Back to You, and Your Hearts Will Rejoice

**Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospel Reading

John 14: 15-21

Read by Kate Powell

Sermon

Unity and Oneness, Not Necessarily Sameness
Venerable Moses Thabethe



Affirmation of Faith

All: **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the worldwide Church, for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the Diocese of Johannesburg during this uneasy time – that we may be strengthened in Christ, and sustained by the Holy Spirit as we continue to teach, to lead and to respond with compassion to the challenges and issues that confront us during this pandemic.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for businesses that are failing – that they may be supported by government initiatives, communities and people to lessen the effects of reduced trade.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all care-givers, health-care workers, first responders, and essential personnel, that they may carry Christ in their hearts, as they avail themselves in the service of their fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all of us who are gathered today in our different homes, that like the early disciples we may boldly proclaim Christ to a world in need of hope and love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole human family – that through this time of crisis we are led towards building a world rich in mercy and care for the vulnerable, that all creation may be renewed and restored.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**



Prayers of Intercession

We pray for students and teachers who are preparing to return to school – that with the help of family, they may establish routines that will continue their learning and that this will be a positive time of growth for them.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God of love, hear the prayers of your Church, and grant us today what we ask of you, in faith, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

A Blessing for the Offering

God of love and provision, in deep gratitude for life and for all the blessings that come from you, we offer back to you some measure of what we have been given. Accept our offerings and use them and use us for the building up of your kingdom in this world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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



Prayer of Invocation

**All: Spirit of Life, breathe new life into us.
We are weary from the events of the world;
we are drawing inside and becoming numb
because of all the devastation we experience around us.
Breathe new life into us, so that our own spirits may rise again.
Breathe new life into us, so that we may be renewed and restored.
Breathe new life into us, so that we may once again hear Your call
to go as healers into a broken world.
Breathe new life into us, so that we may encourage one another.
In the name of Christ, who taught us how to breathe in this world, we
pray. Amen.**

Final Blessing

Glory to God whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church,
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever;
God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and keep you in truth and peace;
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 in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia

All: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia



Recessional

Christ is the World's Light

Christ is the world's Light, he and no other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's Peace, he and no other;
no man can serve him and despise his brother
who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and no other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother:
glory to God on high.

Fred Pratt Green (1968)

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