

Morning Prayer Form

(Seventh Sunday in Easter - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hymn - [Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies](#) | [Leadsheet](#)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy Divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740 / Music: Luke Morton, 2012

Confession (from Psalm 51)

Let us confess our sins to God.

Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Silence

May the risen and ascended Christ
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life.
Amen.

Psalm of the Week

Psalm 47 (NIV)

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

1 Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.

4 He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

8 God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Scripture Readings

[Acts 1:1-11](#)

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

[Luke 24:44-53](#)

(A short silence is observed after the reading of the Gospel)

Profession of Faith (based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Colossians 1:15-20)

This is the good news that we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
And appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed. That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all people may receive the good news of his victory, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all the baptized may know the power of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God this day.

Intercessions (A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say “out loud” the names and situations that you would like to bring before God.)

- We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- We pray for our sisters and brothers... (churches and other believers)
- We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors...
- We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life...

To the ascended Lord be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, in whose name we are bold to pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

**If praying with others, stand and hold hands. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the Orans](#).*

A Collect for Ascension Sunday (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Benediction

Let us bless our risen and ascended Lord.

Thanks be to God!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Doxology (Old 100th)