

## Morning Prayer

### (Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year C)



The Liturgy Letter

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

### Opening Scripture

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  
-Psalm 97:1-2

### 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, Radiance 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 against God and our neighbor.

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 97 (NIV)

- 1 The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;  
let the distant shores rejoice.
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him  
and consumes his foes on every side.
- 4 His lightning lights up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all peoples see his glory.
- 7 All who worship images are put to shame,  
those who boast in idols—  
worship him, all you gods!

8 Zion hears and rejoices  
and the villages of Judah are glad  
because of your judgments, Lord.

9 For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 Let those who love the Lord hate evil,  
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light shines on the righteous  
and joy on the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,  
and praise his holy name.

## **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 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*(Stand)*

John 17:20-26

(A short silence is kept 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.**

That in the undying love of Christ we may have union with all who have died in the faith 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 God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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](#).*

### **Collect for the Seventh Sunday in Easter (Book of Common Prayer)**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction (Revelation 22:17)**

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come, and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Doxology (from *The Genevan Psalter*, 1551)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.