

Morning Prayer



The Liturgy Letter

Seventh Sunday in Easter - Year A

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 68:1-10; 32-35 (NIV)

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song.

- 1 May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.
- 2 May you blow them away like smoke—
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.
- 3 But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.
- 5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
- 6 God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
- 7 When you, God, went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.

9 You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.
10 Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,
33 to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,
who thunders with mighty voice.
34 Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.
35 You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!

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 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

(stand for the reading of the Gospel)

John 17:1-11

(a short silence is observed)

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 those born to new life
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.*

A 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

Let us bless our risen and ascended Lord.

Thanks be to God!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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