

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

*24 May 2020 Morning Prayer, Second Order*

*A Prayer Book for Australia*

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## Gathering in God's name

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. *John 17.3*

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The Minister*

Friends in Christ,

we come together to meet with God,

and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,

hear from God's holy word,

and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,  
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless  
goodness and mercy.

The risen Jesus said that the Scriptures had been fulfilled in his suffering and resurrection and now repentance and forgiveness was to be announced in his name to all nations in the power of the Spirit.

*Luke 24: 47,49*

*Silence may be kept*

*The Minister continues*

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

**God of all mercy,  
we humbly admit that we need your help.  
We have wandered from your way.  
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and have failed to do what is right.  
You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us,  
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.  
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit  
that we may live the new life to your glory.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

*The Minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.  
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.  
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.  
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy  
we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures for ever!**  
Grace and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Come, let us sing to the Lord,  
**shout to the rock of our salvation.**  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
**come before his face with songs of joy.**

## The Ministry of the Word

*The Minister says*

Heavenly Father,  
give us wisdom and understanding.  
As we listen to your Word,  
may we know you better, love you more,  
and learn to please you in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 4: 1-11

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), <sup>2</sup>so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. <sup>3</sup>You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. <sup>4</sup>They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. <sup>5</sup>But they will have to give an account to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup>For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Hear the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

The Sermon: The Time of Your Life 1Peter 4:1-11

# Hymn: Hail the day that sees Him rise

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Text: Charles Wesley

Tune: Chislehurst

Hail the day that sees him rise,

*Hallelujah!*

to his throne above the skies;

*Hallelujah!*

Christ, awhile to mortals given,

reascends his native heaven.

*Hallelujah! x 3*

There for him high triumph waits;

lift your heads, eternal gates!

Wide unfold the radiant scene;

take the King of glory in!

Heaven now its Lord receives,

yet he loves the earth he leaves;

though returning to his throne,

still he calls mankind his own.

See! He lifts his hands above;

See! He shows the prints of love;

Hark! His gracious lips bestow

blessings on his church below.

Still for us he intercedes,

his prevailing death he pleads;

near himself prepares our place,

he the first-fruits of our race.

There we shall with thee remain,

partners of thine endless reign;

there thy face unclouded see,

find our heaven of heavens in thee.

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come 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.**

## The Ministry of Prayer

*The Minister says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Minister continues*

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,  
**let your glory cover the earth.**  
Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
Send out your light and your truth,  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**  
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.  
**Hear the cry of those in need.**  
Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
**for we put our trust in you.**

## The Collect of the Day

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Prayers

*A Minister*

Let your requests be made known unto God.  
**In everything give thanks.**

*Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered*

*For the whole created order, especially ...*

*For the nations and peoples of the earth ...*

*For those in authority in this land ...*

*For the Church, its leaders and members ...*

*For our community, families and friends ...*

*For those who are in need ...*

*For particular situations ...*

*After each prayer the following or similar responses may be used.*

Father, hear our prayer,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*A Minister continues*

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

## The Sending Out of God's People

Eternal God and Father,

**by whose power we are created,  
and by whose love we are redeemed:  
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another  
and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Minister says one of the following*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all. **Amen.**

*Or*

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

*The Minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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