

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24 May 2020

WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE

From Magnificat Quinti Toni "Quia respexit",
Jehan Titelouze, 1562/63 – 1633

We meet in the name of the living God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

cf 2 John 1:3

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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. Amen.**

HYMN 486

Tune: Vulpius

1. **Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia.**

2. **O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia.**
3. **Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia.**
4. **So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.
Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt
about sin, righteousness and judgement.
We have grieved the Holy Spirit.
In sorrow we confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes

stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1.6-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68.1-10, 32-24

**1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦
let those that hate him flee before him.**

2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦
as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

**3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦
let them make merry with gladness.**

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

**5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦
God in his holy habitation!**

6 God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

**7 O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦
when you marched through the wilderness,**

8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.**

10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

**32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; ♦
make music in praise of the Lord;**

33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens ♦
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.

**34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, ♦
whose power is above the clouds.**

35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!
Blessed be God.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

HYMN 232

Tune: St Magnus

**1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.**

**2. The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;**

**3. The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**4. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**

**5. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his peoples wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluias are sung before and after the Gospel.

**HEAR THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN
Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come;
glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have
given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom
you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know
you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I
glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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.'

John 17.1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON



ORGAN INTERLUDE

From Magnificat Quinti Toni "Suscepit Israel",
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THE NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED commonly called the
Nicene Creed; 325 AD, 381 AD

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
**maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

John 14.27,28

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN 691

Tune: Truro

- 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**
- 3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.**
- 4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King:
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

NOTICES

DISMISSAL

Christ has gone up on high. **Alleluia.**

God raised Christ from the dead
and enthroned him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

God put all things in subjection beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the Church.

We died, and our life lies hidden with Christ in God.

We set our minds on things above.

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,

we too will be revealed with him in glory.

cf Ephesians 1.20, 23; Colossians 3.1-4

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