



Wednesday in the Seventh Week of Easter

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**MORNING PRAYER: RITE II**

*The Service begins on page 75 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

**PREPARATION FOR THE OFFICE**

The Opening Sentences for Easter Season

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*All:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.  
*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**  
*All:* **Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover (*Pascha nostrum, Recited by whole verse*)

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*Officiant:* Alleluia.  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

*People:* Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he dies, he dies to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

*Officiant:* Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- 1 I will sing of mercy and justice; \*  
to you, O Lord, will I sing praises.
- 2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;  
oh, when will you come to me? \*  
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.
- 3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; \*  
I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.
- 4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; \*  
I will not know evil.
- 5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; \*  
those who have a haughty look and a proud  
heart I cannot abide.
- 6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, \*  
and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.
- 7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, \*  
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.
- 8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, \*  
that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

- 1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise; \*  
for the mouth of the wicked,  
the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.
- 2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; \*  
they encompass me with hateful words  
and fight against me without a cause.
- 3 Despite my love, they accuse me; \*  
but as for me, I pray for them.
- 4 They repay evil for good, \*  
and hatred for my love.
- 20 But you, O Lord my God,  
oh, deal with me according to your Name; \*  
for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.
- 21 For I am poor and needy, \*  
and my heart is wounded within me.
- 22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; \*  
I am shaken off like a locust.
- 23 My knees are weak through fasting, \*  
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.
- 24 I have become a reproach to them; \*  
they see and shake their heads.

- 25 Help me, O Lord my God; \*  
save me for your mercy's sake.
- 26 Let them know that this is your hand, \*  
that you, O Lord, have done it.
- 27 They may curse, but you will bless; \*  
let those who rise up against me be put to shame,  
and your servant will rejoice.
- 28 Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace \*  
and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.
- 29 I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth; \*  
in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;
- 30 Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, \*  
to save his life from those who would condemn him.

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### THE LESSONS

*Reader:* A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (4: 2-6)

On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

*Reader:* Here ends the reading.

Canticle 11 (*The Third Song of Isaiah, Surge, illuminare, Recited by whole verse*)

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Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations Will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Reader:* A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. (4: 1-16)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Reader:* Here ends the reading.

Canticle 16 (*The Song of Zechariah, Benedictus Dominus Deus, Recited by whole verse*)

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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*All:* **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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People:* **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day – *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: 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.**

A Collect for Grace

O Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for The Diocese of Missouri

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that our diocese, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit as we await the ordination of Bishop-elect, Deon Johnson; and that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Petition, Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Blessing

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*The Officiant may conclude with one of the following:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*