THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II
Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept. All kneel.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand.

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. Alleluia.
CHRIST OUR PASSOVER: *Pascha nostrum*

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.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * 
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died 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.

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.

THE PSALM: Psalm 68:7-10, 33-36 
Soloist: Caroline Johnson

Refrain: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord!

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * 
when you marched through the wilderness,
8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, 
   at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * 
   at the presence of God, the God of Israel. [Refrain]

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

10 Your people found their home in it; * 
   in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * 
   sing praises to the Lord. [Refrain]

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * 
   he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * 
   his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * 
   the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God! 
   [Refrain]

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 FIRST LESSON

Lector: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:6-14)

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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 Alphæus, 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21: You are God

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin’s womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Lector: A reading from the Gospel according to John (17:1-11)

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.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

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.
Officiant:  Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People:  Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant:  Day by day we bless you;

People:  We praise your Name for ever.

Officiant:  Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People:  Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant:  Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People:  For we put our trust in you.

Officiant:  In you, Lord, is our hope;

People:  And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant:  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.

Officiant:  O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant:  O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings follow.
Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSTOSOM

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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