



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### ♪ Hymn (2) ♪

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;  
Daystar, 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, Radiance Divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more Thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### ♪ Hymn (593) ♪

At the Name of Jesus,  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess Him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call Him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners

unto whom He came,  
faithfully He bore it,  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death He passed.

Name Him, Christians, name Him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with His Father's glory,  
with His angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon His brow,  
and our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

*Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)*

### ♪ Hymn (679) ♪

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in Him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord,  
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then, children of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
who serves my Father as His child  
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in Him meet south and north;  
all Christlike souls are one in Him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*John Oxenham, (William Arthur Dunkerley)  
(1852-1941)*

♪ **Chant (CAHON 943)** ♪

O - Surrexit Christus, Alleluia!  
O - Cantate Domino, Alleluia!  
Christ arose, Alleluia!  
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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♪ **Hymn (460)** ♪

O Thou, who at Thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all Thy Church  
might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul,  
'Thy will be done.'

O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all Thy Church, O Lord,  
we intercede;  
make Thou our sad  
divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each,  
we plead,  
by drawing all to Thee,

O Prince of Peace;  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray Thee too for wanderers  
from Thy fold;

O bring them back,  
good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith  
which saints believed of old,  
back to the Church  
which still that faith doth keep;  
soon may we all one bread,  
one body be,  
through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length  
when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one  
with all Thy Church above,  
one with Thy saints  
in one unbroken peace,  
one with Thy saints

in one unbounded love;  
more blessed still,  
in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.

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♪ **Hymn (227)** ♪

Crown Him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love;  
behold His hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round His pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

## First Reading

*Acts 1.6–14*

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’  
7He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But 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.’  
9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They 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.’

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 13When 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. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Second Reading

*1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen

## **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.

## **Collect**

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.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.