



Vespers for the 7th Sunday of Eastertime

Call to prayer:

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Gathering Prayer:

Father most holy,
you have glorified Jesus your Son
with the glory he had in your presence
before the world began,
and Jesus has glorified you on earth
by completing the work you gave him to do.
Your Church gathers today - as evening falls,
spiritually even though not physically -
in prayerful worship, just as the first disciples
and Mary were gathered in the Upper Room.
Grant that, despite the limitations of these times,
we may accomplish, in the joy of the Holy Spirit,
all that you give us to do in this world,
gladly sharing Christ's sufferings,
so as to rejoice when his glory is revealed Amen.

Opening Verse:

O God, come to our aid. O Lord make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be, world without end Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn:

New praises be given to Christ newly crowned,
who back to his heaven a new way hath found;
God's blessedness sharing, before us he goes,
what mansions preparing what endless repose!
His glory still praising on thrice holy ground.
The apostles stood gazing, his mother around.
With hearts that beat faster, with eyes full of love,
they watched while their master ascended above.
Grant Lord that our longing may follow thee there,
on earth who are thronging thy temples with prayer;
and unto thee gather, Redeemer, thine own,
where thou with thy Father dost sit on the throne.

The Psalms of Evening Prayer

Antiphon One: When he had made purification
for sin, he sat at the right hand of the Majesty on
high, alleluia.

Psalm 109 (110) The Messiah, king and priest

The Lord's revelation to my Master;
"Sit on my right.
Your foes I will put beneath your feet".

The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth,
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change;
you are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizadek of old.

The master standing at your right hand,
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath;

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
both now and for ever. Amen.

Antiphon One:

When he had made purification for sin, he sat at
the right hand of the Majesty on high, alleluia.

Antiphon Two:

The Lord has delivered his people, Alleluia

Psalm 110 (111) Great are the works of the Lord

I will thank the Lord with all my heart,
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord -
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders:
the Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him,
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth,
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever,
they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people,
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom,
all who do so prove themselves wise,
his praise shall last for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Antiphon Two:

The Lord has delivered his people, Alleluia

Antiphon three:

Alleluia, the Lord our God is king; let us rejoice and give glory to him, alleluia.

Canticle from Apocalypse 19: The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. His judgements are true and just.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise our God all you his servants, you who fear him small and great.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and for ever. Amen.

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A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory:

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

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He will teach you everything.

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

The Canticle of Mary

Magnificat Antiphon: I will send you the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who comes from the Father. He will be my witness, alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The almighty works marvels for me,
holy his name! His mercy is from age to age
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud hearted,
he casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly,

he fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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both now and for ever, world without end.

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Intercessions

Christ our Lord urged us to pray, and the Holy Spirit came to fill our hearts and minds.

May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Eternal Shepherd, give to the pastors of your Church wisdom and understanding; - may they lead your faithful people in the way of salvation.

Heavenly Christ, you are rich in mercy and compassion; - do not forget the poor and needy you have left behind on earth.

By the power of the Holy Spirit you were conceived of the Virgin Mary; - preserve in religious women the spirit of loving service.

Christ our priest, you give glory to the Father in the Holy Spirit; - unite all people together in your hymn of praise.

Grant to the dead the glorious freedom of God's sons and daughters; - and the completion of bodily redemption.

Our Father....

Concluding Prayer

Lord God, we believe that the Saviour of mankind is enthroned with you in majesty. Listen to our prayer, and, according to his promise, let us feel his presence among us until the end of time. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.



The Church's Easter praise of Our Lady:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia!

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.