

# SUNDAY LITURGY AT HOME

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Introduction

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✠ 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

*Bianco da Siena (1340-1434), trans. by Richard F. Littledale (1833-1890)*

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Come down, O love divine,  
seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
til earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

## PSALMODY

The splendour of the Lord Creator

*Ps 92(93)*

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*The Lord, our God, the Almighty is king; let us be glad and rejoice and give him praise (Apoc 19:6-7)*

*Ant 1:* The Lord is king, \* with majesty enrobed. Alleluia! †

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
† the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power.

**The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice,  
the waters have lifted up their thunder.

**Greater than the roar of mighty waters  
more glorious than the surgings of the sea,  
the Lord is glorious on high.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time.

**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.

*Ant 1:* The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed. Alleluia!

Let every creature praise the Lord

*Dan 3:57-88, 56*

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*Praise our God, all you his servants (Apoc 19:5)*

*Ant 2:* The whole creation will be freed \* and will enjoy the glory and freedom of the children of God. Alleluia!

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.  
And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.**  
**To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.  
And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.  
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.**  
**To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.  
And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.  
And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**O let the earth bless the Lord.**  
**To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.  
And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.  
And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.**  
**To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.**  
**And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.**  
**To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.  
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.  
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.  
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:**  
**To you be highest glory and praise for ever.**  
**May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:**  
**To you be highest glory and praise for ever.**

*Ant 2:* **The whole creation will be freed and will enjoy the glory and freedom of the children of God. Alleluia!**

### Hymn of praise to the Lord, the Creator

*Ps 148*

*To the One who sits on the throne and to the lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever an ever (Apoc 5:13)*

*Ant 3:* **The name of the Lord is praised, \* in heaven and on earth. Alleluia!**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all his angels,  
praise him, all his host.

**Praise him, sun and moon,**  
**praise him, shining stars.**  
**Praise him, highest heavens**  
**and the waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord.  
He commanded: they were made.  
He fixed them for ever,  
gave a law which shall not pass away.

**Praise the Lord from the earth,**  
**sea creatures and all oceans,**  
**fire and hail, snow and mist,**  
**stormy winds that obey his word;**

all mountains and hills,  
all fruit trees and cedars,  
beasts, wild and tame,  
reptiles and birds on the wing;

**all earth's kings and peoples,**  
**earth's princes and rulers,**  
**young men and maidens,**  
**old men together with children.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord  
for he alone is exalted.  
The splendour of his name  
reaches beyond heaven and earth.

**He exalts the strength of his people.**  
**He is the praise of all his saints,**  
**of the sons of Israel,**  
**of the people to whom he comes close.**

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.

*Ant 3:* **The name of the Lord is praised, in heaven and on earth. Alleluia!**

## COLLECT OF THE MASS

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Let us pray.

**G**raciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Acts 1:12-14*

*All of them were joined together in the upper room, continuously praying.*

A reading from the book of Acts.

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 26(27):1, 4, 7-8*

**℟️ I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **℟️**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **℟️**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple **℟️**

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 4:13-16*

*It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
 I will come back to you,  
 and your hearts will be full of joy.  
 Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

*Father, glorify your Son.*

A reading from the Holy Gospel ✠ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Father, the hour has come:  
 glorify your Son  
 so that your Son may glorify you;  
 and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,  
 let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.  
 And eternal life is this:  
 to know you,  
 the only true God,  
 and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
 I have glorified you on earth  
 and finished the work that you gave me to do.  
 Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me  
 with that glory I had with you  
 before ever the world was.  
 I have made your name known  
 to the men you took from the world to give me.  
 They were yours and you gave them to me,  
 and they have kept your word.  
 Now at last they know  
 that all you have given me comes indeed from you;  
 for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,  
 and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,  
 and have believed that it was you who sent me.  
 I pray for them;  
 I am not praying for the world  
 but for those you have given me,  
 because they belong to you:  
 all I have is yours  
 and all you have is mine,  
 and in them I am glorified.  
 I am not in the world any longer,  
 but they are in the world,  
 and I am coming to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection

*A time for either silent reflection by oneself, or sharing amongst the household*

# PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

## Intercessions

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In real humility of heart let us pray to God who cares for everyone, saying:

**℟ Lord, have mercy on your people.**

Defend the church against all danger. ℟

Protect Francis our Pope. ℟

Be the strength of Patrick our Bishop. ℟

Keep our parish united in prayer. ℟

Save your people. ℟

Preserve the world in peace. ℟

Bring light to those who do not believe. ℟

Guide the rulers of all nations. ℟

Come to the aid of the poor. ℟

Comfort the afflicted. ℟

Guide and strengthen healthcare workers. ℟

Bring an end to the coronavirus. ℟

Have mercy on the dead. ℟

*We pause to make our own prayers.*

We ask Mary to place the whole world under her maternal protection, saying:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## Our Father

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Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

## Spiritual Communion

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*Spend a few moments in silence, then pray asking Jesus to make his home in your heart:*

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

# THANKSGIVING AND CONCLUSION

## The Benedictus

Luke 1:68-79

*The Messiah and the one who was sent before him*

*Ant:* Father, I have glorified you on earth: **\* I have accomplished the work that you gave me to do. Alleluia!**

**B**lessed be the Lord, ✠ the God of Israel!  
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour  
in the house of David his servant,  
as he promised by the lips of holy men,  
those who were his prophets from of old.**

A saviour who would free us from our foes,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled  
and his holy covenant remembered.

**He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,  
that free from fear,  
and saved from the hands of our foes,  
we might serve him in holiness and justice  
all the days of our life in his presence.**

As for you, little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him,

**To make known to his people their salvation  
through forgiveness of all their sins,  
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God  
who visits us like the dawn from on high.**

He will give light to those in darkness,  
those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

**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.**

*Ant:* Father, I have glorified you on earth: **I have accomplished the work that you gave me to do. Alleluia!**

## Blessing

The Lord bless us, ✠ and keep us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**