

Easter 7 2023 Online Order of Service

Introit.

Welcome and Introduction.

Hymn:

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain, will your anchor drift, or firm remain?
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow, shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow...

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death, when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail, while your anchor holds within the veil...

Will your eyes behold through the morning light the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore, when life's storms are past for evermore...

Penitence

The Easter Kyries:

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner;
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give light to those in darkness;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.

We are sorry and truly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light. Amen.

The Absolution.

The Collect for the seventh Sunday of Easter.

First Reading: read by John

Acts 1.6–14.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, '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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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.' 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 Alphaeus, 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.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11.

Hymn:

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories, do but themselves confound — his strength the more is.
No foe shall stay his might, though he with giants fight: he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit, we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say, I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

The Address.

Hymn:

When the music fades, all is stripped away and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless Your heart.
*I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear:
You're looking into my heart.
I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*

King of endless worth, no-one could express how much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, every single breath...
Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.	Ein Tad yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw, deled dy dernas gwneler dy ewyllys, megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd. Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol a maddau i ni ein dyledion, fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr. Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg. Canys eiddot yw'r deyrnas, a'r gallu a'r gogoniant, yn oes oesoedd. Amen
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Intercessions.

led by Anthea.

Hymn:

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.

*And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.*

Blessing.