

Easter 7: the Sunday after Ascension Day

Introit.

Welcome and Introduction.

Hymn

All **All hail the power of Jesus' Name! let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and Crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, and ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
Join in the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!**

Confession and Absolution.

Matt Peter writes, Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God
That he may exalt you in due time.
Cast your anxiety upon him, because he cares for you.'

Sam Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Both **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Matt Almighty God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And keep us in eternal life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria.

Matt: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to the Father.

All: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to the Father.

Matt: To him be glory for ever. All: To him be glory for ever.

Matt: Alleluia, amen. All: Alleluia, amen.

Matt: Glory to God! Glory to God! Son of the Father.

All: Glory to God! Glory to God! Son of the Father.

Matt: To him be glory for ever. All: To him be glory for ever.

Matt: Alleluia, amen. All: Alleluia, amen.

Matt: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to the Spirit.

All: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to the Spirit.

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Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

First Reading. Acts 1.6-14.

Read by Gillian Stone.

Second Reading. 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11.

Song **Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here:
Come bow before him now in reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found: we stand on Holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here.**

**Distewch, cans gogoniant Crist ei hun o'n cylch lewyrcha'n gry';
fe lysg â sanctaidd dân, mawr ei ysblander fry:
brawychus yw ei nerth, breswlydd mawr y berth;
distewch, cans gogoniant Crist ei hun o'n cylch lewyrcha'n gry'.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him: in faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

Reflection

From Richard Iwanek.

The Lord's Prayer (in English, led by Matthew; in Welsh, by Helen Eades).

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Helen **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 ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r nerth a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd. Amen.**

Intercessions

Led by Anthea Lister.

Blessing

Matt May God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

All **Amen.**

Sam May God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

All **Amen.**

Matt May God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you a faithful servant of Christ our King.

All **Amen.**

Matt And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Rest upon you and remain with you,
This day and always.

Amen.

Song

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world, where men disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you;
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves, in living power remake us,
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us;
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

On the bright side

Disaster at Sea

By Les Barker.

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