

Liturgy and Prayers for Easter 7: At Home

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

with Rev Gareth Erlandson

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Introduction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We gather together now as the family of God,
In our Father's presence,
To offer him praise and thanksgiving,
To hear and receive his holy word,
To bring before him the needs of the world,
And to seek his grace,
That through his Son Jesus Christ
We may give ourselves to his service.

A new week lies open before us;
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new week,
So may the light of your presence, O God,
Set our hearts on fire with love for you,
Now and forever. **Amen.**

We take a moment of quiet and stillness now to call to mind and lay before God those things that stand between us and him – the ways in which we have failed to love him and to love others as he would want.

We say to God:

**Healing God,
Take from us what we need to carry no longer
So that we may be free again
To choose to serve you
And to be served by each other. Amen.**

And because we know we have a loving and merciful God, who through the death and resurrection of Jesus has paid the price for our sin, we can boldly say together:

**May God forgive us, Christ come alongside us
And the Holy Spirit renew and better our lives.
Amen.**

Hymn of Praise - overleaf

1. Great is the darkness that covers the earth
Oppression, injustice and pain
Nations are slipping in hopeless despair
Though many have come in Your name
Watching while sanity dies,
Touched by the madness and lies

*Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit we pray
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit on us today*

2. May now Your church rise with power and love
This glorious gospel proclaim
In every nation salvation will come
To those who believe in Your name
Help us bring light to this world
That we might speed Your return

*Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit we pray
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit on us today*

Great celebrations on that final day
When out of the heavens You come
Darkness will vanish
All sorrow will end
And rulers will bow at Your throne
Our great commission complete
Then face to face we shall meet

*Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit we pray
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit on us today*

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(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYr_7TvyEKQ)

The Reading from Isaiah NIV(UK)

(from www.biblegateway.com)

The Servant of the Lord

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵ This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,

who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in
darkness.

⁸ "I am the LORD; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you."

A Thought for the Week from Rev Gareth Erlandson

We affirm our faith - overleaf

**I believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**I believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Intercessions

Gareth leads us in prayers of intercession and concludes:

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A Collect Prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Easter
Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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.**

Our Closing Prayers

We go in hope:

To live the good news.

We go in wonder:

To live the good news.

We go in joy:

To live the good news.

We go in the name of Jesus:

In the Spirit's wisdom and in the friendship of God.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with us all evermore.

Amen.

A final song for today – please either copy the YouTube link from here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zEiZi2DKk> - or click on the link that Kirsty will pop into the comments if you'd like to sing along at home...

There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
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