

Seventh Sunday of Easter

24th May 2020



OPENING HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up Thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus, true and living Bread!

Prince of life, for us Thou livest, by Thy Body souls are healed;
Prince of Peace, Thy peace Thou givest, by Thy Blood is pardon sealed;
Alleluia, alleluia, Word of God, in flesh revealed.

Paschal Lamb! Thine offering, finished once for all when Thou wast slain,
In its fullness, undiminished shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Great High Priest of our profession, through the veil Thou enteredest in;
By Thy mighty intercession grace and mercy Thou canst win:
Alleluia, alleluia, only sacrifice for sin.

Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock, with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship Thee, the Lamb who died;
Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-14

All joined in continuous prayer.

PSALM RESPONSE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:13-16

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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: John 17:1-11

Father, glorify Your Son.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria! O Maiden, O Mother,
Fondly thy children are calling on thee;
Thine are the graces unclaimed by another,
Sinless and beautiful Star of the Sea!

Mater amabilis, ora pro nobis!
Pray for thy children who call upon thee;
Ave Sanctissima, ave purissima,
Sinless and beautiful Star of the sea!

Ave Maria, thy children are kneeling,
Words of endearment are murmured to thee;
Softly thy spirit upon us is stealing,
Sinless and beautiful Star of the Sea.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

New praises be given to Christ newly crowned,
Who back to His heaven a new way has found;
God's blessedness sharing before us He goes;
What mansions preparing, what endless repose!

His glory still praising on thrice-holy ground,
Th'apostles stood gazing, His mother around;
With hearts that beat faster, with eyes full of love,
They watched while their Master ascended above.

"No star can disclose Him", the bright angels said;
"Eternity knows Him, your conquering Head;
Those high habitations He leaves not again,
Till, judging all nations, on earth He shall reign."

Grant, Lord, that our longing may follow You there,
On earth who are thronging Your temples with prayer;
And unto You gather, Redeemer, Your own;
Where thus with Your Father You sit on Your throne.