

# Morning Worship

## 16 May – Easter 7

### *Preparation*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

**All and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia!**

### Hymn

### Crown him with many crowns

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Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem  
drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your  
matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
triumphant from the grave,  
who rose victorious from the  
strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died and reigns on high;  
he died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace;  
his kingdom is at hand  
from pole to pole let warfare  
cease,  
and Christ rule every land:  
a city stands on high,  
his glory it displays,  
and there the nations 'holy' cry  
in joyful hymns of praise.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
in majesty sublime!  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never  
fail  
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**All** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**  
**we have sinned against you**  
**and against our neighbour**  
**in thought and word and deed,**  
**through negligence, through weakness,**  
**through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past**  
**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**  
**to the glory of your name.**  
**Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## ***The Word of God***

### **Psalmody**

#### **Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35**

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦  
let those that hate him flee before him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦  
as wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦  
let them make merry with gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,  
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
- 10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.
- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; ♦  
make music in praise of the Lord;
- 33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens ♦  
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, ♦  
whose power is above the clouds.
- 35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦  
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!  
Blessed be God.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## Hymn

## Majesty

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Majesty, worship his majesty,  
unto Jesus be glory, honour  
and praise.

Majesty, kingdom, authority,  
flows from his throne  
unto his own,  
his anthem raise!

So exalt, lift upon high the  
name of Jesus,  
magnify, come glorify Christ  
Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.

Jack W Hayford  
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## Scripture Readings

### Acts 1.1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

## John 17.6-19

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*This responsory may be used*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

**All and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

**All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,  
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

**All and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*cf Romans 8*

## **Gospel Canticle**

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said*

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68–79*

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

## The Sermon

*(Please see separate page.)*

## The Creed

***All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Hymn

## Alleluia, alleluia

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*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the King of creation.

Spread the good news through  
all the earth;  
Jesus has died and is risen.

We have been crucified with  
Christ –  
now we shall live for ever.

God has proclaimed the just  
reward –  
new life for all, alleluia!

Don Fishel  
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## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered. You may wish to use the following format, perhaps adding specific people and situations in your own words or thoughts.*

God of our salvation,  
hope of all the ends of the earth,  
we pray:

**All Thy kingdom come.**

That the world may know Jesus Christ  
as the Prince of peace,  
we pray:

**All Thy kingdom come.**

That we may be bold to speak the word of God  
while you stretch out your hand to save,  
we pray:

**All Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving,  
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,  
we pray:

**All Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may welcome and support  
all whom God calls to faith,  
we pray:

**All Thy kingdom come.**

That all who suffer today  
may know the comfort and glory of Christ,  
we pray:

**All Thy kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
we pray:

**All Thy kingdom come.**

*The Collect / Prayer for Today is said*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
    where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*OR*

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All* **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.**

**OR**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Hymn                      We have a gospel to proclaim                      [Listen here](#)**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout  
the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for  
all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to  
save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter  
morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was  
free.  
He broke the power of death  
and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right  
hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his  
Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who  
died.

Now we rejoice to name him  
King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we  
proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward J Burns

## ***The Conclusion***

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

***All*** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

***All*** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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