



Evening Prayer of the Church

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Philippians 4:6-7

Magnificat

THE CANTICLE OF MARY

Luke 1: 46–55

My soul rejoices in the Lord

My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.



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Introduction

The Prayer of the Church has been the regular pattern of prayer for priests, religious and consecrated people to pray at different times of the day, each day of the year for hundreds of years. Many people from all walks of life also use this form of daily prayer.

For over a century it has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the days between the Ascension and Pentecost.

In recent years many Christian denominations throughout the world have also been praying for this intention through a prayer initiative called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. By joining this initiative, we are therefore renewing our desire for the Kingdom of God to be made real in the lives of those we know and love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This booklet has been produced for those who would like to use the Evening Prayer of the Church between the Ascension and Pentecost as we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit during this time.

By doing so we follow the example of the disciples who prayed continuously between the Ascension and Pentecost. Very few people have the time to pray continuously on their own, but at each moment someone, somewhere in the world will be praying the

Prayer of the Church. In other words, when praying Evening Prayer we take part in the continuous prayer of the Church.

Throughout this journey from the Ascension to Pentecost we can pray for those we know and love to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that they might encounter the person of Jesus Christ and know how much God our Father loves them.

The basic structure of Evening Prayer is as follows:

- Opening Refrain
- Hymn (choose one from the end of this booklet)
- Psalm 1 and 2
- Canticle
- Scripture Reading
- Short Responsory
- Magnificat
- Intercessions followed by the Our Father
- Concluding Prayer

Whether praying on your own or as part of a group it would be better to take time to reflect on one part or leave space between the different elements of Evening Prayer than to rush through it.

If you choose to pray in a group, it would be a good idea to appoint someone to lead the prayer. They should read the parts marked as 'leader' and begin the antiphons.

In addition to the normal format of Evening Prayer, there is also an intention for each day.

Please note that recurring prayers such as the Magnificat, Our Father and Glory be can be found on the front or rear inside covers.

Suggested hymns for this season can be found at the the end of this booklet.

Should you have particular people you would like to pray for, you are welcome to write their names below:

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Ascension:
the call to
share our
faith



ASCENSION THURSDAY

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations. Matthew 28: 18–19a

PRAYER INTENTION

For all Christians to have the confidence to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, alleluia.

Psalm 109(110):1–5,7

The Lord's revelation to my Master: †
'Sit on my right: *
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Sion †
your sceptre of power: *
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth †
on the holy mountains; *
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †
'You are a priest for ever,*
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

The Master standing at your right hand*
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the steam by the wayside*
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: He ascended to heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: God goes up with shouts of joy; the
Lord ascends with trumpet blast, alleluia.

Psalm 46(47)

All peoples, clap your hands,*
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,*
great king over all the earth.

He subdues peoples under us*
and nations under our feet.
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him,*
given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy;*
the Lord ascends with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,*
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth,*
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;*
God reigns on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled*
with the people of Abraham's God.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,*
to God who reigns over all.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: God goes up with shouts of joy; the
Lord ascends with trumpet blast, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified, alleluia.

CANTICLE

Revelation
11:17–18; 12:10b–12a

*Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and in him
God has been glorified, alleluia.*

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,*
who are and who were,
that you have taken your great power,*
and begun to reign,

The nations raged,*
but your wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged,*
for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear your name,*
both small and great.

Now the salvation and the power †
and the kingdom of our God*
and the authority of his Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brethren has been
thrown down,*
who accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered him*
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,*
for they loved not their lives even unto death.
Rejoice, then, O heaven,*
and you that dwell therein.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:18,22

*Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once
for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In
the body, he was put to death, in the spirit he was
raised to life. He has entered heaven and is at God's
right hand, now that he has made the angels and
Dominations and Powers his subjects.*

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, alleluia, alleluia.

All: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: I go to my God and your God.

All: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: King of Glory, Lord Almighty, today you have ascended victoriously above the heavens: do not leave us as orphans without a guide, but send the one whom you promised, the gift of the Father, the Spirit of Truth, alleluia.

(The Magnificat can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

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INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord who is now lifted up from the earth, drawing all things to himself.

All: You, Christ, are the king of glory.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you offered one sacrifice for sin and then ascended in victory to the Father; – achieve the eternal perfection of those whom you are sanctifying.

All: You, Christ, are the king of glory.

Leader: Eternal priest, minister of the new covenant, you are alive and interceding for us; – save your people who turn to you in prayer.

All: You, Christ, are the king of glory.

Leader: After your passion, you appeared to your disciples, and they knew you to be alive: – strengthen our belief that you are with us today.

All: You, Christ, are the king of glory.

Leader: On this day you promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles, for the spreading of your gospel to the ends of the earth; – strengthen us by the power of the Spirit in bearing witness before the world.

All: You, Christ, are the king of glory.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God,
fill us with a holy joy,
teach us how to thank you with reverence and love
on account of the ascension of Christ your Son.
You have raised us up with him:
where he, the head, has preceded us in glory,
there we, the body, are called in hope.
Through Christ our Lord.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

Know
God
Better

FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION

My dear people, let us love one another, since love comes from God, and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. 1 John 4:11–12

PRAYER INTENTION

For all those who have lost sight of God, that they would see His love revealed in their lives.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: The Lord saved my soul from the power of death, alleluia.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 114(116)

We must experience many hardships before we can enter the kingdom of God Acts 14:22

I love the Lord for he has heard*
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me*
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, †
with the anguish of the tomb;*
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.*
O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;*
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;*
I was helpless so he saved me.

Turn back, my soul, to your rest*
for the Lord has been good;
he has kept my soul from death, †
my eyes from tears*
and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord*
in the land of the living.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: The Lord saved my soul from the power
of death, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: The Lord protected his people as the
apple of his eye, alleluia.

GOD, THE PROTECTOR OF HIS PEOPLE

Psalm 120(121)

*They will never hunger or thirst again; neither
the sun or scorching wind will ever plague
them (Revelation 7:16)*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:*
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord*
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! *
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, *
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; *
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you *
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, *
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming *
both now and for ever.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: The Lord protected his people as the
apple of his eye, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: The Lord is my strength and protection,
he is my salvation, alleluia.

HYMN OF ADORATION

Canticle
Revelation 15:3-4

Great and wonderful are your deeds, *
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, *
O King of the ages!

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord? *
For you alone are holy.
All nations shall come and worship you, *
for your judgments have been revealed.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: The Lord is my strength and protection,
he is my salvation, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 5:8–10

Although he was Son, Christ learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation and was acclaimed by God with the title of high priest of the order of Melchizedek.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia,
alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Holy Spirit.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: Your heavenly Father will give
the Holy Spirit to those who ask him, alleluia.

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cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

Magnificat Antiphon: Your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Let us pray to Christ, who was anointed with the Holy Spirit.

All: Exalted Christ, intercede for us.

Leader: Lord Jesus, look upon Christians all over the world; – gather them into unity through your Holy Spirit.

All: Exalted Christ, intercede for us.

Leader: Give your light to all who suffer persecution for your name; – grant that they may know what to say to those who persecute them.

All: Exalted Christ, intercede for us.

Leader: Let all men know you, the one true vine; – make them your branches, bearing the fruit of the Spirit.

All: Exalted Christ, intercede for us.

Leader: King of the universe, you ascended into heaven to the joy of angels and men; – reign over our world and rule all the nations.

All: Exalted Christ, intercede for us.

Leader: You have made the baptised sharers in your death and resurrection; – at the hour of death let them pass with you into eternal life.

All: Exalted Christ, intercede for us.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,
you restore us to eternal life by our Saviour's
resurrection.

Place us at your right hand
where he is enthroned with you.

You gave us a new birth in baptism: clothe
us in the garment of eternal happiness
when Christ comes in his glory.

(We make our prayer) through our Lord.

(Through Christ our Lord.)

Trust



SATURDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Known as Evening Prayer 1 of Sunday

If you trust in the Lord and do good, then you will live in the land and be secure. If you find your delight in the Lord, he will grant your heart's desire.

Psalm 36:3-4

PRAYER INTENTION

For those who feel isolated and alone, that they will develop meaningful relationships through a childlike trust in God.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Psalm 112(113)

Antiphon 1: The Lord God is high above the heavens, and from the dust he lifts up the lowly, alleluia.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,*
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed*
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting*
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,*
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,*
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,*
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,*
from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,*
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home*
and gladdens her heart with children.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: The Lord God is high above the heavens
and from the dust he lifts up the lowly, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: You have loosened my bonds, Lord: a
sacrifice of praise I will make to you, alleluia.

THANKSGIVING IN THE TEMPLE

Psalm 115(116)

*Through him (Christ), let us offer God an unending
sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15)*

I trusted, even when I said:*
I am sorely afflicted,
and when I said in my alarm:*
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord*
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;*
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil*
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord*
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;*
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make.*
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil*
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,*
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: You have loosened my bonds, Lord: a
sacrifice of praise I will make to you, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: The Son of God learned to obey through
suffering, and he became the source of eternal
salvation for all those who obey him, alleluia.

CHRIST, THE SERVANT OF GOD

Canticle
Philippians 2:6–11

Though he was in the form of God,*
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing
to be grasped.

He emptied himself, †
taking the form of a servant,*
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, †
he humbled himself and became obedient unto
death,*
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him*
and bestowed on him the name which is above every
name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,*
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,*
to the glory of God the Father.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: The Son of God learned to obey through suffering, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:9–10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people at all, and now you are the people of God; once you were outside the mercy and now you have been given mercy.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: I will not leave you desolate like orphans: I am going now, but I will return to you and then your hearts will be filled with joy, alleluia.

(The Magnificat can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

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INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Blessed be Christ, the Son of God. At the Jordan the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. Let us confirm our prayer to him by saying:

All: Amen. Amen.

Leader: Lord Jesus, send forth your Holy Spirit to renew the life of the Church – and make her radiant with hope.

All: Amen, Amen

Leader: May all the nations praise you as their king and Lord; – make Israel the people whom you call your own.

All: Amen, Amen

Leader: Make us generous, make us humble; – let us forget our own needs in the service of others.

All: Amen, Amen

Leader: At Pentecost you reversed the disaster of Babel, which divided and confused the family of man; – through your Holy Spirit let all men speak the same language of faith and love.

All: Amen, Amen

Leader: May your Holy Spirit dwell within us – to give life to our mortal bodies.

All: Amen, Amen

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,
we believe that the Saviour of mankind
is enthroned with you in majesty.
Listen to our prayer,
and, according to his promise,
let us feel his presence among us
until the end of time.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

| Forgiveness



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Known as Sunday Evening Prayer 2

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life. John 3:16

PRAYER INTENTION

For those in need of God's mercy, that they will know the joy of his forgiveness.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: When he had made purification for sin, he sat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, alleluia.

THE MESSIAH IS KING AND PRIEST

Psalm 109(110):1-5,7

He must be king so that he will put all his enemies under his feet (1 Corinthians 15:25)

The Lord's revelation to my Master: †
'Sit on my right: *
your foes I will put beneath your feet.

The Lord will wield from Sion †
your sceptre of power: *
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth †
on the holy mountains;*
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †
‘You are a priest for ever,*
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’

The Master standing at your right hand*
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the steam by the wayside*
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: When he had made purification for
sin, he sat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
alleluia.

Antiphon 2: The Lord has delivered his people,
alleluia.

GREAT ARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD

Psalm 110(111)

*How great and wonderful are all your works, Lord
God Almighty (Revelation 15:3)*

I will thank the Lord with all my heart*
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;*
to be pondered by all who love them.

Majestic and glorious his work,*
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.*
The Lord is compassion and love.

He gives food to those who fear him;*
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people*
by giving them the lands of the nations.

His works are justice and truth:*
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever;*
they are made in uprightness and truth.

He has sent deliverance to his people †
and established his covenant for ever.*
Holy his name, to be feared.

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom; †
all who do so prove themselves wise.*
His praise shall last for ever!

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: The Lord has delivered his people,
alleluia.

Antiphon 3: Alleluia, the Lord our God is king; let us
rejoice and give glory to him, alleluia.

**THE MARRIAGE
FEAST OF THE LAMB**

Canticle cf.
Revelation 19:1–2,5–7

Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,*
his judgments are true and just.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants,*
you who fear him, small and great.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns,*
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The marriage of the Lamb has come,*
and his bride has made herself ready.

Alleluia.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: Alleluia, the Lord our God is king; let us
rejoice and give glory to him, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:12–14

*Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and
then taken his place for ever at the right hand of
God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are
made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one
single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection
of all whom he is sanctifying.*

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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Magnificat Antiphon: I will send you the Advocate, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father. He will be my witness, alleluia.

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INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Christ our Lord urged us to pray and the Holy Spirit came to fill our hearts and minds.

All: May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Leader: Eternal shepherd, give to the pastors of your Church wisdom and understanding; – may they lead your faithful people in the way of salvation.

All: May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Leader: Heavenly Christ, you are rich in mercy and compassion; – do not forget the poor and the needy you have left behind on earth.

All: May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit you were conceived of the Virgin Mary; – preserve in religious women the spirit of loving service.

All: May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Leader: Christ, our priest, you give glory to the Father in the Holy Spirit; – unite all men together in your hymn of praise.

All: May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Leader: Grant to the dead the glorious freedom of God's sons – and the completion of bodily redemption.

All: May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,
we believe that the Saviour of mankind
is enthroned with you in majesty.
Listen to our prayer,
and, according to his promise,
let us feel his presence among us
until the end of time.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)



| Openness

MONDAY – FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS

Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in. Revelation 3: 20a

PRAYER INTENTION

For the hearts of those we know and love to be more open to Christ who waits to be invited in.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: You are the men who have stood faithfully by me in my trials, alleluia.

Psalm 115(116)

I trusted, even when I said: *
'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm: *
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord *
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; *
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil*
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord*
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;*
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:*
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil*
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,*
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: You are the men who have stood
faithfully by me in my trials, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: I am here among you as one who serves
alleluia.

Psalm 125(126)

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage,*
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels*
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!*
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage*
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears*
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,*
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,*
carrying their sheaves.

Antiphon 2: I am here among you as one who serves,
alleluia.

Antiphon 3: I shall not call you servants any more, I
call you friends, because I have made known to you
everything I learn from my Father, alleluia.

Canticle Ephesians 1:3–10

Blessed be the God and Father*
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ*
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him*
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy*
and blameless before him.

He destined us in love*
to be his sons through Jesus Christ
according to the purpose of his will, †
to the praise of his glorious grace*
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,*
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace*
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us †
in all wisdom and insight*
the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose*
which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ,*
as a plan for the fulness of time,
to unite all things in him,*
things in heaven and things on earth.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: I shall not call you servants any more, I
call you friends, because I have made known to you
everything I learn from my Father, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:11–13

Some Christ has appointed to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, or pastors, or teachers. They are to order the lives of the faithful, minister to their needs, build up the frame of Christ's body, until we all realise our common unity through faith in the Son of God, and fuller knowledge of him. So we shall reach perfect manhood, that maturity which is proportioned to the completed growth of Christ.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: Tell of the glory of the Lord among the nations, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Tell of the glory of the Lord among the nations, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Speak of his wonderful deeds to all the peoples.

All: Tell of the glory of the Lord among the nations, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Tell of the glory of the Lord among the nations, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: You did not choose me: I chose you. I appointed you to go on and bear fruit, fruit that shall last, alleluia.

(The Magnificat can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

Magnificat Antiphon: You did not choose me: I chose you. I appointed you to go on and bear fruit, fruit that shall last, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Since we are part of a building that has the apostles for its foundation, let us pray to the Father for his holy people.

All: Lord, remember your Church.

Leader: Father, when your Son rose from the dead, you showed him first to the apostles; let us make him known, near and far.

All: Lord, remember your Church.

Leader: You sent your Son into the world to proclaim the good news to the poor; – grant that we may bring his gospel into the darkness of men’s lives.

All: Lord, remember your Church.

Leader: You sent your Son into the world to plant in men’s hearts the seed of imperishable life; – may we labour to sow his word and reap a harvest of joy.

All: Lord, remember your Church.

Leader: You sent your Son to reconcile the world with yourself by the shedding of his blood; – let us become his fellow workers in restoring men to your friendship.

All: Lord, remember your Church.

Leader: You placed your Son at your own right hand in heaven; – receive the dead into the happiness of your kingdom.

All: Lord, remember your Church.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, you chose Saint Matthias
to complete the number of the twelve apostles.
By his prayer, include us among your chosen ones,
since we rejoice to see
that the lot marked out for us is your love.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

| Curiosity



7TH TUESDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Ask, and it will be given to you. Matthew 7: 7a

PRAYER INTENTION

For all those who are beginning to show an interest in matters of faith, that their curiosity will grow into a desire for the living God.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: Peace be with you, it is I; do not be afraid, alleluia.

THE LORD, THE PROTECTOR OF HIS PEOPLE

Psalm 124(125)

Peace to the Israel of God Galatians 6:16

Those who put their trust in the Lord †
are like Mount Sion, that cannot be shaken,*
that stands for ever.

Jerusalem! The mountains surround her, †
so the Lord surrounds his people*
both now and for ever.

For the sceptre of the wicked shall not rest*
over the land of the just
for fear that the hands of the just*
should turn to evil.

Do good, Lord, to those who are good,*
to the upright of heart;
but the crooked and those who do evil, †
drive them away!*

On Israel, peace!

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: Peace be with you, it is I; do not be
afraid, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: O Israel, hope in the Lord, alleluia.

CHILDLIKE CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

Psalm 130(131)

*Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in
heart (Matthew 11:29)*

O Lord, my heart is not proud*
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great*
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul*
in silence and peace.
As a child has rest in its mother's arms,*
even so my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord*
both now and for ever.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: O Israel, hope in the Lord, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: May your whole creation serve you; for you spoke and they came into being, alleluia.

HYMN OF THE REDEEMED

Canticle: Revelation
4:11; 5:9, 10, 12

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,*
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,*
and by your will they existed and were created.

Worthy are you, O Lord,*
to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, †
and by your blood you ransomed men for God*
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God,*
and we shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,*
to receive power and wealth,
and wisdom and might,*
and honour and glory and blessing.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: May your whole creation serve you; for you spoke and they came into being, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26–27

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; when we do not know what prayer to offer, to pray as we ought, the Spirit himself intercedes for us, with groans beyond all utterance; and God, who can read our hearts, knows well what the Spirit's intent is; for indeed it is according to the mind of God that he makes intercession for the saints.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: The power of the Holy Spirit will come into you; you will be my witnesses to the very ends of the earth, alleluia.

(The Magnificat can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

Magnificat Antiphon: The power of the Holy Spirit will come into you; you will be my witnesses to the very ends of the earth, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: To Christ be honour and glory. He has made his people sharers of the Holy Spirit.

All: Christ, hear us.

Leader: Send from the Father the Holy Spirit into the Church; – may he purify, strengthen and perfect it.

All: Christ, hear us.

Leader: Guide rulers and governments by your Holy Spirit; – give them the gifts of wisdom and courage.

All: Christ, hear us.

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit to the poor; – help and support all those who are in need.

All: Christ, hear us.

Leader: We pray for your servants who are stewards of God's mysteries; – keep them always faithful to their ministry of grace.

All: Christ, hear us.

Leader: Grant to the bodies and souls of the dead the fullness of redemption; – strengthen us in your passion, resurrection and ascension.

All: Christ, hear us.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of power and mercy,
grant that when the Holy Spirit comes,
he may dwell in us,
and make of us a temple
filled with his glory.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

| Seeking



7TH WEDNESDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Search, and you will find. Matthew 7: 7b

PRAYER INTENTION

For those who seek God, that their search may lead them to find their heart's desire.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: Your sorrow will turn to joy, alleluia.

JOY AND HOPE IN GOD

Psalm 125(126)

*Just as you are sharing in our sufferings, so also will
you share our consolations* (2 Corinthians 1:7)

When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage,*

It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*

on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels*
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!*

Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage*
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears*
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,*
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song*
carrying their sheaves.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: Your sorrow will turn to joy, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: Whether we live or whether we die, we
belong to the Lord, alleluia.

SUCCESS DEPENDS ON THE LORDS BLESSING

Psalm 126(127)

You are God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9)

If the Lord does not build the house,*
in vain do its builders labour;
if the Lord does not watch over the city,*
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising,*
your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat:*
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they
slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,*
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.
Indeed the sons of youth*
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!
He will have no cause for shame*
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: Whether we live or whether we die, we
belong to the Lord, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: From him, through him and in him are all
things that exist: to him be glory for ever, alleluia.

CHRIST IS THE FIRST-BORN OF ALL CREATION, THE FIRST-BORN FROM THE DEAD

Canticle
Colossians
1:12-20

Let us give thanks to the Father,†
who has qualified us to share*
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness*
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption,*
the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,*
the first-born of all creation,
for in him all things were created, in heaven and
on earth,*
visible and invisible.

All things were created*
through him and for him.
He is before all things,*
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church;*
he is the beginning,
the first-born from the dead,*
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,*
making peace by the blood of his cross.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: From him, through him and in him are all things that exist: to him be glory for ever, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 2:9–10

The things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him: these are the very things that God revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: Christ will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire, alleluia.

(The Magnificat can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

Magnificat Antiphon: Christ will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: With the apostles and with all who have received the pledge of the Spirit we praise and call on God.

All: Lord hear us.

Leader: God of power and might, you have taken up Christ into the glory of heaven; – help all men to see that he is living in his Church.

All: Lord hear us.

Leader: Father, you said of Christ, 'This is my Son, the beloved, Listen to him.' – Make the voice of your Son resound in men's hearts and bring them to salvation.

All: Lord hear us.

Leader: May your Holy Spirit come to dwell in the hearts of your faithful; – and renew the face of the earth.

All: Lord hear us.

Leader: Into your hands we commend our dead; – confirm our hope in the resurrection to come.

All: Lord hear us.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of mercy,
you have gathered your Church together by the
Holy Spirit.

Keep us devoted to your service,
and united among ourselves.

(We make our prayer) through our Lord.

(Through Christ our Lord.)

| Encounter



7TH THURSDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7: 7c

PRAYER INTENTION

**For us all to encounter the person of Jesus Christ
and experience life lived to the full.**

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: The Lord God gave him the throne of
David, his father, alleluia.

THE PROMISE OF GOD TO THE HOUSE OF DAVID

Psalm 131(132)

The promise of God to the house of David

Psalm 131(132)

I

O Lord, remember David*
and all the many hardships he endured,
the oath he swore to the Lord,*
his vow to the Strong One of Jacob.

'I will not enter the house where I live*
nor go to the bed where I rest.
I will give no sleep to my eyes*

to my eyelids I will give no slumber
till I find a place for the Lord,*
a dwelling for the Strong One of Jacob?

At Ephrata we heard of the ark;*
we found it in the plains of Yearim.
'Let us go to the place of his dwelling;*
let us go to kneel at his footstool.'

Go up, Lord to the place of your rest,*
you and the ark of your strength.
Your priests shall be clothed with holiness:*
your faithful shall ring out their joy.
For the sake of David your servant*
do not reject your anointed.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: The Lord God gave him the throne of David, his father, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: Jesus Christ is the only Ruler over all, the King of kings and Lord of lords, alleluia.

II

The Lord swore an oath to David;*
he will not go back on his word:
'A son, the fruit of your body,*
will I set upon your throne.

If they keep my covenant in truth*
and my laws that I have taught them,
their sons also shall rule*
on your throne from age to age?'

For the Lord has chosen Sion;*
he has desired it for his dwelling;
‘This is my resting-place for ever,*
here have I chosen to live.

I will greatly bless her produce,*
I will fill her poor with bread.
I will clothe her priests with salvation*
and her faithful shall ring out their joy.

There David’s stock will flower:*
I will prepare a lamp for my anointed.
I will cover his enemies with shame*
but on him my crown shall shine.’

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: Jesus Christ is the only Ruler over all,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: Lord, who is your like, majestic in
strength and holiness, alleluia?

THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

Canticle: Revelation
11:17–18; 12:10b–12a

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,*
who are and who were,
that you have taken your great power*
and begun to reign.

The nations raged,*
but your wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged,*
for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear his name,*
both small and great.

Now the salvation and the power †
and the kingdom of our God*
and the authority of his Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down,*
who accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered him*
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,*
for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Rejoice, then, O heaven*
and you that dwell therein.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: Lord, who is your like, majestic in
strength and holiness, alleluia?

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

*Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit,
who is in you since you received him from God. You
are not your own property; you have been bought
and paid for. This is why you should use your body
for the glory of God.*

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia,
alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: When the Spirit of truth comes he will teach you the whole truth; he will reveal to you things that are to come, alleluia.

(The Magnificat can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

Magnificat Antiphon: When the Spirit of truth comes he will teach you the whole truth; he will reveal to you things that are to come, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Let us pray to Christ, who is blessed for ever. Let us ask him to send the Holy Spirit to those he has redeemed.

All: Lord, protect those you have redeemed.

Leader: Send the Spirit of unity into your Church; – take away from us anger and dissension.

All: Lord, protect those you have redeemed.

Leader: You freed men who were possessed by devils; – heal the sickness of our world.

All: Lord, protect those you have redeemed.

Leader: By praying through the Holy Spirit, you found the inspiration for your ministry; – may priests discover through prayer how to follow the Holy Spirit and fulfil their life of service.

All: Lord, protect those you have redeemed.

Leader: May your Spirit guide the rulers of all nations; – let them see your vision of peace and make it a reality.

All: Lord, protect those you have redeemed.

Leader: You are living now in the glory of the Father; – call the faithful departed to share in your splendour.

All: Lord, protect those you have redeemed.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,
let your Spirit come upon us in power
and fill us with his gifts,
to render our minds pleasing to you,
and make us docile to your will.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

Freedom



7TH FRIDAY OF EASTERTIDE

*When Christ freed us, he meant for us to remain free.
Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the
yoke of slavery. Galatians 5: 1*

PRAYER INTENTION

**For those who are held down by past experiences,
hurt or pain, that they may know the freedom that
Christ brings when we follow him.**

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: I, the Lord, am your Saviour, I am your
Redeemer, alleluia.

PRAISE FOR THE LORD WHO DOES MARVELLOUS THINGS

Psalm 134(135)

*You are a chosen race. Sing the praises of the one
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful
light* 1 (Peter 2:9)

I

Praise the name of the Lord,*
praise him, servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord*
in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.*
Sing a psalm to his name for he is loving.
For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself*
and Israel for his own possession.

For I know the Lord is great,*
that our Lord is high above all gods.
The Lord does whatever he wills,*
in heaven, on earth, in the seas.

He summons clouds from the ends of the earth; †
makes lightning produce the rain;*
from his treasures he sends forth the wind.

The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,*
of man and beast alike.
Signs and wonders he worked †
in the midst of your land, O Egypt,*
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

Nations in their greatness he struck*
and kings in their splendour he slew.
Sihon, king of the Amorites, †
Og the king of Bashan,*
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
He let Israel inherit their land;*
on his people their land he bestowed.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: I, the Lord, am your Saviour, I am your Redeemer, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: Blessed is the kingdom of our father David which has come among us, alleluia.

II

Lord, your name stands for ever,*
unforgotten from age to age:
for the Lord does justice for his people;*
the Lord takes pity on his servants.

Pagan idols are silver and gold,*
the work of human hands.
They have mouths but they cannot speak;*
they have eyes but they cannot see.

They have ears but they cannot hear;*
there is never a breath on their lips.
Their makers will come to be like them*
and so will all who trust in them!

Sons of Israel, bless the Lord!*
Sons of Aaron, bless the Lord!
Sons of Levi, bless the Lord!*
You who fear him, bless the Lord!

From Sion may the Lord be blessed,*
he who dwells in Jerusalem!

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: Blessed is the kingdom of our father David which has come among us, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: Let us sing to the Lord; great is his triumph, alleluia.

**HYMN OF
ADORATION**

Canticle
Revelation 15:3-4

Great and wonderful are your deeds,*
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,*
O King of the ages!

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord? *
For you alone are holy.
All nations shall come and worship you,*
for your judgments have been revealed.

Antiphon 3: Let us sing to the Lord; great is his
triumph, alleluia.

**SCRIPTURE
READING**

Galatians
5:16, 22a, 25

*Learn to live and move in the Spirit; then there is no
danger of your giving way to the impulses of corrupt
nature. The Spirit yields a harvest of love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, generosity, forbearance,
gentleness, faith, courtesy, temperateness, purity.
Since we live by the Spirit, let the Spirit be our rule
of life.*

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia,
alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: They all persevered together in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus, alleluia.

(The Magnificat can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet)

GLORY BE

Magnificat Antiphon: They all persevered together in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus, alleluia

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Let us bless the Father, who has poured on the nations the grace of the Spirit.

All: May the grace of the Spirit spread through the world.

Leader: Father, you gave your beloved Son as a light for all peoples; – open the eyes of a blind world to see Christ as the future of humanity.

All: May the grace of the Spirit spread through the world.

Leader: You anointed Christ with the power of the Spirit for his ministry of salvation; – may he pass once more among us, healing the sick and doing good for everyone.

All: May the grace of the Spirit spread through the world.

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit to give rest to the weary and to strengthen our faith; – give life and joy to broken hearts.

All: May the grace of the Spirit spread through the world.

Leader: Fulfil the hope of the faithful departed; – raise them up in glory when Christ comes again.

All: May the grace of the Spirit spread through the world.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,
you opened for us the way to eternal life
when Christ your Son was taken up to glory,
and your Holy Spirit came to enlighten your Church.
Grant that, as we share in so great a gift,
our faith may grow ever stronger,
our service ever more loyal.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

| Faith



SATURDAY – VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Known as Pentecost Sunday Evening Prayer 1

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. Hebrews 11:1

PRAYER INTENTION

For those who want to grow in faith that we all may be filled with the hope of what is to come.

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: On the day of Pentecost they were all together in one place, alleluia.

Psalm 112(113)

Praise, O servants of the Lord,*
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed*
both now and for evermore!
from the rising of the sun to its setting*
praise be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,*
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,*

who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,*
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,*
from his misery he raised the poor
to set him in the company of princes,*
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home*
and gladdens her heart with children.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: On the day of Pentecost they were all
together in one place, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: There appeared to the apostles what
seemed like tongues of fire, and the Holy Spirit came
upon each of them, alleluia.

Psalm 146(147A)

Praise the Lord for he is good; †
sing to our God for he is loving:*
to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem*
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,*
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;*
he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty;*
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raised the lowly;*
he humbles the wicked to the dust.
O sing to the Lord, giving thanks;*
sing psalms to our God with the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds;*
he prepared the rain for the earth,
making mountains sprout with grass*
and with plants to serve man's needs.
He provides the beasts with their food*
and young ravens that call upon him.

His delight is not in horses*
nor his pleasure in warriors' strength.
The Lord delights in those who revere him,*
in those who wait for his love.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: There appeared to the apostles what seemed like tongues of fire, and the Holy Spirit came upon each of them, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: The Holy Spirit, who comes from the Father, will glorify me, alleluia.

Canticle: Revelation 15:3–4

Great and wonderful are your deeds,*
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,*
O King of the ages!

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord? *
For you alone are holy.
All nations shall come and worship you, *
for your judgments have been revealed.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: The Holy Spirit, who comes from the Father, will glorify me, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of God who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Jesus Christ from the dead will give life to your perishable bodies too, for the sake of his Spirit who dwells in you.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: He will teach you everything.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love; though the peoples spoke different tongues you united them in proclaiming the same faith, alleluia.

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INTERCESSIONS

Leader: The apostles waited and prayed for the coming of the Spirit. Gathered together in their company, we pray for his coming tonight, and joyfully proclaim the greatness of God.

All: Father, send us your Spirit.

Leader: In Christ you restored the universe which you made; – through your Spirit renew the faithful of the earth.

All: Father, send us your Spirit.

Leader: You breathed into Adam the breath of life; – breathe your Spirit into the Church, that the world may find life in her.

All: Father, send us your Spirit.

Leader: May your Spirit bring light to our darkness; turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy and doubt into hope.

All: Father, send us your Spirit.

Leader: Cleanse and refresh us in the waters of the Spirit; – where there is anguish and sin, bring healing and rebirth.

All: Father, send us your Spirit.

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit you bring men to life and glory: – may the dead enter their home in heaven to enjoy your love forever.

All: Father, send us your Spirit.

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God,
you ordained that the paschal mystery
be completed by the mystery of Pentecost.
Gather together, by your gift of grace,
the scattered nations and divided tongues
to one faith in your Name.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

| Pentecost



PENTECOST SUNDAY

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2: 4a

PRAYER INTENTION

For the whole Church to be filled with the Holy Spirit ‘as by a new Pentecost’.¹

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY BE

Hymn – please select one from the end pages.

Antiphon 1: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia.

Psalm 109(110):1–5,7

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: †
‘Sit on my right: *
your foes I will put beneath your feet.’

The Lord will wield from Sion †
your sceptre of power: *
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth †
on the holy mountains, *
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

¹ Pope John XXIII at the opening of Vatican II

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. †
‘You are a priest for ever,*
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’

The Master standing at your right hand*
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside*
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 1: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the
whole world, alleluia.

Antiphon 2: Send forth your power, Lord, from your
holy temple in Jerusalem, and bring to perfection
your work among us, alleluia.

Psalm 113A(114)

When Israel came forth from Egypt,*
Jacob’s sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord’s temple,*
Israel became his Kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight:*
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams*
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it, sea, that you fled,*
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?

Mountains, that you leapt like rams,*
hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,*
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool*
and flint into a spring of water.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 2: Send forth your power, Lord, from your holy temple in Jerusalem, and bring to perfection your work among us, alleluia.

Antiphon 3: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak, alleluia.

Canticle: Revelation
19:1, 2, 5-7

Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,*
his judgments are true and just.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants,*
you who fear him, small and great.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns,*
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The marriage of the Lamb has come,*
and his bride has made herself ready.

Alleluia.

GLORY BE

Antiphon 3: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:3-6

Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives, by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all men, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia, alleluia.

All: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: It is he who holds all things in being and understands every word that is spoken.

All: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat Antiphon: This is the day of Pentecost, alleluia; today the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples in the form of fire and gave to them his special gifts; he sent them into the world to proclaim that whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, alleluia.

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INTERCESSIONS

Leader: We know that the Father is with us because of the Spirit he has given us. With this confidence we turn to you in prayer:

All: Father, send your Spirit into the Church!

Leader: Father, you want to unite all men by baptism in the Spirit; – draw all believers together in mind and heart.

All: Father, send your Spirit into the Church!

Leader: You sent the Spirit to fill the earth with your love; – let men build the human city in justice and peace.

All: Father, send your Spirit into the Church!

Leader: Lord God, Father of all men, bring to your scattered children unity of faith: – make the world alive with the power of your Spirit.

All: Father, send your Spirit into the Church!

Leader: By the work of the Spirit you create all minds afresh: – heal the sick, comfort the afflicted and bring all men to salvation.

All: Father, send your Spirit into the Church!

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit you raised your Son from the dead. – Raise us by the power of your Spirit when we come to your kingdom.

All: Father, send your Spirit into the Church!

Our Father

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,
you sanctify your Church in every race and nation
by the mystery we celebrate on this day.
Pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit on all mankind,
and fulfil now in the hearts of your faithful
what you accomplished
when the Gospel was first preached on earth.
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



Hymns for Morning and Evening Prayer

between The Ascension and Pentecost

Sower and seed of man's reprieving,

Jesus, the longing heart's repose,
Thy own creation's fault retrieving,
Pure light they lover only knows;

What sovereign pity earthward drew thee,
Our load of sins they charge to make,
Slain, that the guilty race that slew thee
Life from thy guiltless death might take?

Now hell is harrowed, now is stricken
From captive hands the age-long chain;
Thronged by the souls they life doth quicken,
Thou at thy Father's side dost reign.

Be thou the end of our wayfaring,
As thou the guide, as thou the way,
Our friend, these earthly shadows sharing,
Our crown of life in perfect day.

Come down, O love divine,

Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing.
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come

from thy bright heavenly throne,
come, take possession of our souls,
and make them all thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sev'nfold in thy grace,
finger of God's right hand;
his promise, teaching little ones
to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength, which ne'er decays,
confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,
through thee th'eternal Son,
and thee the Spirit of them both,
thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
with his co-equal Son:
the same to thee, great Paraclete,
while endless ages run.

Love of the Father, Love of God the Son,

From whom all came, in whom was all begun;
Who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
Creation's whole desire and breath of life:

Thou the All-holy, thou supreme in might,
Thou dost give peace, thy presence maketh right;
Thou with thy favour all things dost enfold,
With thine all-kindness free from harm wilt hold.

Purest and highest, wisest and most just,
There is no truth save only in thy trust;
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
And bring, through Christ, to him for whom are all.

Eternal glory, all men thee adore,
Who are and shalt be worshipped evermore:
Us whom thou madest, comfort with thy might,
And lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

Our Father

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.

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world without end.
Amen.

