

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year C

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]

[Acts 16:16-34](#) (*Paul and Silas are arrested, but an earthquake destroys the prison*)

[Psalm 97](#) (*The Lord reigns over all the earth; light dawns for the righteous*)

[Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#) (*"See, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*)

[John 17:20-26](#) (*Jesus prays that his disciples may be one as he is one with the Father*)

Themes: Baptism, Trust, Glory, Miracles, Healing, Jesus' Return, Unity

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS).....	John
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (WESTMINSTER ABBEY)	Acts, Revelation, John
Christ Is the World's Light (CHRISTE SANCTORUM)	Revelation, John
Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-SO-SO).....	Revelation, John
For the Healing of the Nations (CWM RHONDDA).....	Revelation, John
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CWM RHONDDA).....	Revelation
In Christ There Is No East or West (MCKEE; ST. PETER)	John
The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy (HANOVER)	Acts
Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN)	Psalms
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (MIT FREUDEN ZART)	Psalms
Soon and Very Soon (SOON AND VERY SOON)	Revelation, John
There Is a Balm in Gilead (BALM IN GILEAD).....	Acts
View the Present Through the Promise (AR HYD Y NOS).....	Revelation
We Know that Christ Is Raised (ENGELBERG).....	John

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Borning Cry – E Acts
WATERLIFE/John Ylvisaker/Daniel Kallman, arr.
© 1990, MorningStar Music, 50-8530
2-Part Mixed, Piano, Flute

Coronation – ME Revelation
Craig Courtney
© 1986, Beckenhorst Press, BP 1273
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard, opt. Horn or Brass (4)

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come – M..... Revelation
Paul Manz
© 1954, 1987, MorningStar Music, 50-0001
SATB, a cappella

His Eye Is on the Sparrow – M Acts
SPARROW/Shane Warby, arr.
© 2016, Walton Music, WW1585
SATB, a cappella

I've Just Come From the Fountain – M..... Revelation
Traditional American Spiritual/André Thomas, arr.
© 2013, Lorenz Corp., 15/3076H
SATB divisi, a cappella

King of Glory, King of Peace – M..... John
K. Lee Scott
© 1986, Concordia Publishing, 98-2728
2-Part Mixed, Organ

The King Shall Come – ME..... John
Thomas Keesecker, quoting *CONSOLATION*
© 2018, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-4752-0
SAB, Piano

Let Us Come – E..... Revelation, Communion
Karen Marrolli, quoting *ADORO TE DEVOTE*
© 2015, MorningStar Music, 50-1980
SAB, Piano

A New Song – ME Psalms
Diane Bish
© 1982, Hinshaw Music, HMC 551
SATB, Organ, opt. Finger Cymbals

O Day of Peace – E Psalms
Traditional Scottish/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1994, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-5375-0
SAB, Keyboard, opt. Handbells (7)

Oso: Come Now, O Prince of Peace – E John
O-So-So/Geonyong Lee/Joel Navarro, arr.
© 2011, GIA Publications, G-7907
SATB, Solo (opt. Children's Choir), Organ, Oboe

-- Youth and Children --

Witness – ME..... Acts
African-American Spiritual/Mark Patterson, arr.
© 2008, Choristers Guild, CGA 1138
Unison/2-Part, Piano

Soon and Very Soon – ME..... Revelation, John
Andraé Crouch/Jack Schrader, arr.
© 2013, Hope Publishing, C 5825
2-Part Mixed, Piano

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

Give me the wisdom to see what needs to be said, done, and undone. I embrace my role as a reflection of your glory.

—PETER TRABEN HAAS, Centering Prayers

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be;
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek for Christ my Savior speak.

—THOMAS T. LYNCH, 1855

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on the readings of the day)

One: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.
All: We give thanks to God's holy name!
One: May the love of God be within us,
All: That we may all be one.
One: Believe on the Lord Jesus,
All: That we and our household may be saved.
One: Let everyone who is thirsty come.
All: Come, let us take the water of life as a gift.

— Michael Farnell*

GATHERING PRAYER

May the love of God possess all your children,
May the clouds and thick darkness that surround the Lord
envelop us all,
May the glory of God in Christ emanate from each one of us;
Come, Lord Jesus.
We who hang on the hope that you are coming, pray:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

We who seek the Alpha and Omega, pray:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

We who thirst for the water of life, pray:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Let your righteousness be our foundation,
Let your justice be our footing,
Let your love be our stay;
Through the one with whom we are one:

Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Life, we confess the risen Christ has set us free to serve you,
but we have served ourselves. The risen Christ has conquered death,
yet we let it hold us captive in fear. The risen Christ joins us together,
but we disagree with one another.**

**Forgive us in your mercy and grace. Enliven us and make us bold to
reflect your loving-kindness, your presence, and your power. In the
Spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is rich in mercy and forgiveness and abounding in grace. Death and sin bind us no more. We are forgiven, we are healed, we are redeemed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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The sacrament of the Church was not to make this Presence and love happen, but to be a visible sign that it is happening.

— DAVID ADAM, *The Eye of the Eagle*

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(based upon Psalm 97 and John 17)

One: God, whose Living Word is the Light of the world, open our eyes to see your glory.

All: Open our ears to hear your truth.

One: And open our hearts that we might know you.

All: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

May life surprise you with joy when you think of yourself as sorrowful. May it surprise you with freedom when you feel confined, with light when you're in the dark, and with hope against any dismay. And may the risen Christ, who prayed for you and whose Spirit prays for you even now, accompany you today and all the days of your life. Amen.

* Thanks to Fr. Michael Farnell for contributions to this week's liturgies.

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