

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 24, 2020**

### **PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19**

#### **HYMN – *THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE***

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from who all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

#### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

V. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

R. I wait with longing for the Lord, my souls waits for His word. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **THE KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

#### **THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of ✠ God the Father. Amen.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our Father, at His ascension Your Son promised to send us the Holy Spirit. Fill us with Your power from on high, so that through Your Holy Church we may be Your witnesses in the world. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-14**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

***I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. Alleluia.***

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple.

***I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. Alleluia.***

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

*I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. Alleluia.*

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ,  
so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.  
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,  
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.  
But let no one among you be made to suffer  
as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer.  
But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed  
but glorify God because of the name.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**ALLELUIA VERSE:** John 14:18

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL:** - John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come.  
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,  
just as you gave him authority over all people,  
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.  
Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God,  
and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.  
I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.  
Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.  
"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.  
They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.  
Now they know that everything you gave me is from you,  
because the words you gave to me I have given to them,  
and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you,  
and they have believed that you sent me.  
I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me,  
because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine,  
and I have been glorified in them.  
And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

**REFLECTION** – *Adapted from The Word Among Us*

*Are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel? (Acts 1:6)*

Amazing. After three years of traveling with Jesus, after seeing him arrested, tried, and crucified, after seeing him risen from the dead, even after forty days of Holy Spirit-inspired instruction—after all this, the apostles are still confused. They ask Jesus if he is now going to kick out the Romans and restore Israel to its former glory. They just didn't get it yet.

Still, we can ask a similar question today: “Lord, when are you going to come and set everything right again? What about all the wars and this pandemic and poverty and abortions and oppression?”

In response, Jesus tells the apostles, and us: *Yes, I came to establish the kingdom of God—but I want you to help build it.*

It's only right, on today of all days, to praise Jesus with “a blare of trumpets”. But in the midst of our celebrating, Jesus' words still reverberate: “You will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). “Go, . . . and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus may have ascended, but the work of his kingdom continues—and he has placed that work in our hands. That's why he promised us the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit so that our attempts to preach the gospel, take a stand against sin, and lift up the poor are filled with God's own grace and love.

It's not as hard as you might think. Living and Spreading the gospel can be as simple as offering to pray for a struggling friend or sharing with a neighbor about how God helped you during a tough situation. Lifting up the poor can mean a weekly call to someone alone or increasing your donations for those in need. Taking a stand against sin can mean praying for people's conversion or trying to establish a more peaceful environment in the home.

Yes, Jesus is going to restore his kingdom. And he's going to use you to do it.  
*“Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts. Empower us to build a kingdom worthy of the risen Lord!”*

*(A few moments for silent reflection)*

## **NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **PRAYER**

Almighty Father, send the promised Spirit upon us; into our hearts to direct our faith, confirm our hope, and enliven our love.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **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. Amen.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### **COMMUNION VERSE**

And now, Lord, what future do I have? You are my only hope. Alleluia.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, through the Holy Eucharist breathe Your Spirit once more upon the world that we may experience a new spiritual rebirth.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY**

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **REGINA CAELI - ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia

R. For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we humble ask You, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ☩ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: HAIL, BLESSED MARY**

Hail, Blessed Mary, virgin most holy, In admiration we come before thee.

: Mother most gracious, willing to help us, Pray for us, Mary, mother of Jesus. :

Queen of the heavens, mother most holy, We sing thy praises, honor and bless thee.

: Though sin defeats us, thou shalt not leave us, Pray for us, Mary, mother of Jesus. :

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