

Keeping the Lord's Day Holy: Sunday Prayer at Home – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Introductory Rites

A hymn may be sung. Then, making the Sign of the Cross, the family begins:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. We are unable to be with our parish family. However, one with our brothers and sisters at Saint Andrew Parish, and with the entire Church, let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

Penitential Act

Leader: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us acclaim the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners. Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your Body and Blood. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

R (1a and 9a) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.

Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

R The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

All gods are prostrate before him.

R The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

R The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

"I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

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Gospel

Jn 17:20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father

almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he
descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there
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 life
everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Leader: **Rejoicing in the unity for which our Savior prayed before His death, we now offer our prayers to God the Father:**

Our response is: **“Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer”**

That through the Church’s faithful announcement of the Gospel, God’s Word may increase love and give full meaning to pain and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

That divisions will be healed, violence will cease, and the peace of God’s Kingdom will bless the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

That God may bless all of our graduates with the grace to do His will in all things as they pursue new pathways in life, let us pray to the Lord.

As our nation observes Memorial Day, we pray for all those members of the military who have died in our nation’s service: that they will be lovingly remembered, thanked and honored for their immeasurable sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord.

For the grace this week to embrace the love with which the Father loves the Son, let us pray to the Lord.

That God will protect from all evil and harm all those who serve in the protection and defense of life, especially our first responders and our service men and women serving at home and abroad, let us pray to the Lord.

That the prayers we hold in our hearts will be united with those of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our patron Saint Andrew, and all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

For all our relatives and friends who have died, and for the people of the parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: **Most Merciful Father, reveal to us Your saving power and make us instruments of grace to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is recited by all.

Act of Spiritual Communion

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Blessing

Making the Sign of the Cross, we say together:

May the Lord bless us, protect us from evil, and bring us into everlasting life. Amen.

A concluding hymn may be sung.