



CHRIST

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# Mass

## Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter

### **[Stand]**

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

**Leader:** Let us call to mind our sins.

### **Penitential Act**

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

### **Opening Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray

O God, who by the glorification of your Christ  
and the light of the Holy Spirit  
have unlocked for us the gates of eternity,  
grant, we pray,  
that, partaking of so great a gift,  
our devotion may grow deeper  
and our faith be strengthened.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*[Only Reader Stands]*

**Reader:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Agrippa and Bernice arrived in Caesarea on a visit to Festus. Since they spent several days there, Festus referred Paul's case to the king, saying, "There is a man here left in custody by Felix. When I was in Jerusalem the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought charges against him and demanded his condemnation. I answered them that it was not Roman practice to hand over an accused person before he has faced his accusers and had the opportunity to defend himself against their charge. So when they came together here, I made no delay; the next day I took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought in. His accusers stood around him, but did not charge him with any of the crimes I suspected. Instead they had some issues with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus who had died but who Paul claimed was alive. Since I was at a loss how to investigate this controversy, I asked if he were willing to go to Jerusalem and there stand trial on these charges. And when Paul appealed that he be held in custody for the Emperor's decision, I ordered him held until I could send him to Caesar."

*[Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21]*

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Reader:** The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

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**Reader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits. **Response**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us. **Response**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the Lord, all you his angels,  
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding. **Response** *[Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab]*

**[All Stand for Gospel]**

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."  
*[John 21:15-19]*

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reflection/Discussion**

**Universal Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray.

For the leaders of the Church... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the leaders of nations... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the sick and their caregivers, especially those sick with coronavirus, and for an end to this pandemic... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For our St. Elizabeth parish family... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*  
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For those who have died... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*  
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Let us gather all of our intentions into the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

**Leader:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all  
distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus  
Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Leader:** May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

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