

Year C; Seventh Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97:1-12
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 97*)

One: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

One: Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

All: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

One: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

All: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

One: The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful;

All: he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

One: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

All: Let us give thanks to his holy name! Let us worship God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Revelation 22*)

God has come in human form in the person of Jesus Christ and while he has been crucified, resurrected, and ascended into heaven, he will return. John testifies the words of God, "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work." Let us confess where our works fall short of our Lord's commands.

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from John 17*)

Gracious God, our Lord commanded those to whom he spoke but also those who would believe in you through the word of those present such as us. You called that we all might be one. Knowing his Father was in him, he prayed that we might be in him and in the Father. We, though, like to emphasize differences in understanding and in practice in the church. Sometimes, we like to rely on our own thoughts rather than on your word. Forgive our selfishness and raise us into unity worshiping the one Lord and the one God and Father of all. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Acts 16*)

The jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." Do likewise, and trust in God's forgiveness. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from Revelation 22*)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, you proclaim that you are the promised root and descendant of David, the bright morning star. You invite all who are thirsty and all who wish to take the water of life as a gift to come. With thankfulness, we offer these tithes for the work of building the kingdom for which we all long. Guide our church leaders to invest them wisely. Amen.

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