

# Hymns for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

## **Processional Hymn:**

### **Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!  
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heav'n its Lord receives; Alleluia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

**Psalm Refrain:** The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

### **Offertory Hymn: We Walk By Faith**

We Walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e're spoke,  
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice  
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
And may our faith abound;  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are  
In full and endless sight.

## **Communion Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life**

I am the Bread of Life. You who come to me shall not  
hunger;  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

### **Refrain:**

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

### **Verse:**

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the  
world,  
And if you eat this bread, you shall live forever, you  
shall live forever.

## **Recessional Hymn: Come Christians Join To Sing**

Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, Before his throne  
rejoice;  
Praise to his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will attend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

# Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

## **First Reading, [Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26](#)**

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers – there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place –. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry.

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms: *May another take his office.*”

Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

## **Responsorial Psalm, [103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20](#)**

### **R. (19a) The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

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.

### **R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

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.

### **R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

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.

### **R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

## **Second Reading 1 [John 4:11-16](#)**

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

## **Alleluia, [Cf. Jn 14:18](#)**

### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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## **Gospel Reading, [John 17:11b-19](#)**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”