



Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

• The Seventh Sunday of Easter • June 1, 2025 •

Sunday after Ascension Day

Opening Hymn 7

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Penitential Rite

You have promised, O God, to make your home with those who hear your word and put it into practice. Send your Spirit to remind our hearts of all that Jesus has taught us and to make us effective witnesses to your saving plan for all the world. Give us also humble hearts that we may always be able to acknowledge our faults and ask your forgiveness, as we do now:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Lord has shown forth his glory:
Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout
for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above
all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the
heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and
kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 97

1 The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his
throne.
3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of
the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.
9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Celebrant says to the people
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have
exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great
triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave

us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The first reading is from the **Apostles (16:16-34)**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers: * you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; * on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; * in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The second reading is from Book of Revelation (22:12-14,16-17,20)

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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Canticle B: A Song of Pilgrimage *Priusquam errarem Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16,20b-22*

Before I ventured forth, even while I was very young, * I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.

In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, * and I will seek her to the end.

From first blossom to early fruit, * she has been the delight of my heart.

My foot has kept firmly to the true path, * diligently from my youth have I pursued her.

I inclined my ear a little and received her; * I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.

To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, * for I have resolved to live according to her way.

From the beginning I gained courage from her, * therefore I will not be forsaken.

In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her,
* therefore have I gained a good possession.
As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of
language,* and with it will I offer praise to God.

The **Holy Gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to St. John (17:20-26)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on
behalf of those who will believe in me through
their word, that they may all be one. As you,
Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be
in us, so that the world may believe that you have
sent me. The glory that you have given me I have
given them, so that they may be one, as we are
one, I in them and you in me, that they may
become completely one, so that the world may
know that you have sent me and have loved them
even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that
those also, whom you have given me, may be with
me where I am, to see my glory, which you have
given me because you loved me before the
foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the
world does not know you, but I know you; and
these know that you have sent me. I made your
name known to them, and I will make it known, so
that the love with which you have loved me may be
in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Music

Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every
family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts
through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who
strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son, and holy
Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

As Jesus Christ offered his great high priestly
prayer for us who have come to belief through the
ministry of his apostolic church, let us pray with
Christ and in his name for the church, the world,

and all people everywhere, saying: Lord, have
mercy.

For the peace of the world, that all humanity may
live in freedom with justice and dignity, let us pray
to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the church in Christ Jesus, that we
may be one in Christ as Christ is one with God, let
us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the apostolic mission of the church, that we
may bring all humanity to the knowledge and love
of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord,
have mercy.**

For the diaconal ministry of the church, that we
may serve one another in Christ's name, let us
pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who need the love and power of Christ (let
us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

For all the saints in glory, and all those whom we
have known and loved who though dead are alive
in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have
mercy.**

Celebrant concludes

O God our Lord, Jesus Christ, our great high priest,
lives to make intercession for us. Hear the prayers
of your church assembled in his name and
presence. Show your glory in all the world that it
may believe in you and be saved, through Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for
us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn 66

Prayer over the gifts:

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and
bring us to the vision of his glory; through the
same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and
everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared
to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into
heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he

is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Because in Christ we have received the Spirit of adoption, as sons and daughters of God we dare to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread-

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Behold the one dead yet alive, present yet ascended, our brother and our Lord. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to the reality that Christ is with us wherever we are. **Amen.**

Blessing

May Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and also of earth, lift up your hearts, lift up your lives to God, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you._

And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. **Amen.**

Closing hymn 244

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!