



The dove is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit.

This window is high above the sanctuary in the upper portion of the Transfiguration window. You can also see Father, Son and Holy Spirit inscribed round the dove.

Come Holy Spirit, heal and restore your creation.



The Paschal Candle has been lit each Sunday this Easter Time

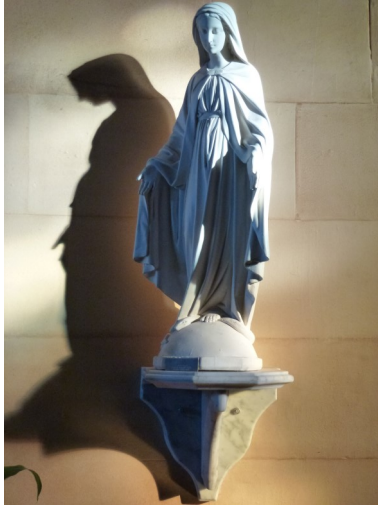
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Easter Time 2020

The Ascension of the Lord:
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
and
Pentecost:
The Eighth Sunday of Easter



THE REGINA COELI



Joy to you, O Queen of heaven, alleluia.
He whom you were meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised has arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God your prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Blessed Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ
has brought joy to the whole world;
grant that through his Mother, Mary of Nazareth,
we may obtain the joys of life everlasting.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

The Lord bless us, ✚ and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Let us stay here in the peace of Christ,
thanks be to God.

INTERCESSIONS—PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit descended with gifts of wisdom,
fortitude, piety, and reverence for God. With longing hearts we pray:

Spirit of God, rain down your gifts on our parched spirits.

O God, you create and recreate with the power of love;
— open our hearts to your indwelling Spirit
that we may be one with you in all that we do.

Spirit of God, rain down your gifts on our parched spirits.

You send your Spirit to banish fears and to bring us peace;
— let our lives mirror your mercy and goodness and reveal your love.

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Our ways are known to you; you are always with us;
— bless all who are travelling, those who are lonely,
and those who have no one to care for them.

Spirit of God, rain down your gifts on our parched spirits.

You are faithful, O God and your mercy lasts forever;
— send your Spirit to awaken in our hearts
a readiness to praise you with loving confidence.

Spirit of God, rain down your gifts on our parched spirits.

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe new life into your people.
Show us the true meaning of the gospel,
and enkindle our hearts with a love that will transform our lives.
Grant us the unity for which Jesus prayed—now and for ever.

Amen.

INTRODUCTION

✦ O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour our your Spirit on us today
that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

A SONG OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 103:1-7, 19-22

If we love one another, God lives within us, alleluia.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits;

If we love one another, God lives within us, alleluia.

Who forgives all your sins: *
and heals all your infirmities.

Who redeems your life from the Pit: *
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion.

If we love one another, God lives within us, alleluia.

Who satisfies you with good things, *
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

If we love one another, God lives within us, alleluia.

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord has established his throne in heaven, *
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

If we love one another, God lives within us, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, *
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.

If we love one another, God lives within us, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.
Amen.**

If we love one another, God lives within us, alleluia.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.
Amen.

We sit for the psalmody and reading.

INTERCESSIONS—ASCENSION

Mindful that you call us not servants, but friends, we confidently pray:

Remain with us always.

Christ Jesus, you ascended and your spirit lives in us;
— grant that all may experience your reign of justice and peace.

Remain with us always.

You prayed that all may be one;
— unite us in a loving acceptance of diversity.

Remain with us always.

Christ Jesus, you asked God that we might see your glory;
— open our eyes to see your wonders in our daily lives.

Remain with us always.

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,
the Beginning and the End;
— born in time but made in your image,
may we breathe our last in your loving embrace.

Remain with us always.

O God,
you brood over our world and call us your sons and daughters.
Send your Spirit and renew us
that we may realise our eternal heritage with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
Amen.

BENEDICTUS

Easter Christ has gone up on high
and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.

✚ **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:**

who has come to his people and set them free.

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.**

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of God, the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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PSALMODY

EASTER 7 to 8—Psalm 103:1-7, 19-22

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and every spring of water, alleluia.

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CANTICLE—A SONG OF EZEKIEL

Easter Time The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.
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I will take you from the nations, *
and gather you from all countries.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you, *
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you, *
and put a new spirit within you.
And I will remove from your body the heart of stone *
and give you a heart of flesh.

You shall be my people, *
And I will be your God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.
Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING

ASCENSION OF THE LORD—THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

But God who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which he loved us
even when we were dead through our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ
—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him
and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-6

PENTECOST—THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8:11

RESPONSORY

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.
Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

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