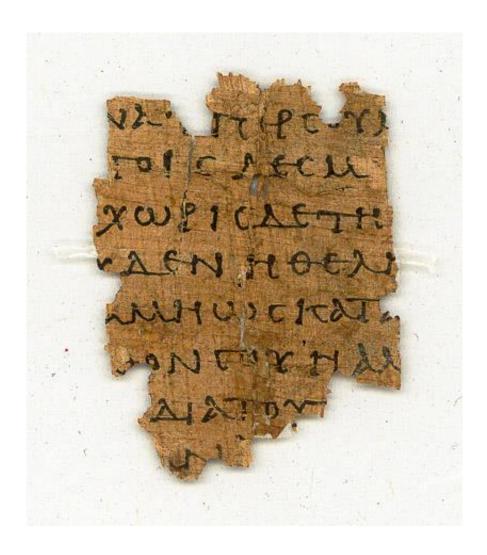
# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER HOLY TRINITY



Liturgical colour: greenWord of the week:

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19)

#### Greeting

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

#### Confession and Absolution

**Rev:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: He made heaven and earth.

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to onfess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us. I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord. Then he forgave the guilt of my sin:

#### • Confession of Sins - Hymn Create in me a clean heart, oh God (SE 757)

Create in me a clean heart, oh God

And renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, oh God

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, oh Lord

And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation

And renew a right spirit within me. /x2

**Rev:** Christ gave to his Church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent, and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not forgiven. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you. Amen.

And now, as a reconciled community let's celebrate together and praise the Lord for his grace and love. Let's sing the next hymn.

# • Hymn God Himself is Present (SE 307, 1-3)

- 1. God himself is present; Let us now adore him And with awe appear before him. God is in his temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence. He alone On his throne Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!
- 2. God himself is present; Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding, Holy, holy, holy! Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending. Bow your ear To us here; Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.
- 3. Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in your merit. Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you, May I ceaselessly adore you. Let your will Ever still Rule your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

#### Psalm of the week: Psalm 107:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- <sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
- <sub>5</sub> hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- <sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
- 7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.
- 8 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
- For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

#### · Gloria Patri

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

#### Kyrie

Rev: Lord, God, Creator of life, have mercy upon us!

**Congregation:** Lord, have mercy!

**Rev:** Lord, Jesus Christ, true Son of God, have mercy upon us!

**Congregation:** Christ, have mercy!

Rev: Lord, Holy Spirit, Giver of faith, have mercy upon us!

**Congregation:** Lord, have mercy!

#### Greeting

**Rev:** The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

## Prayer (Collect)

**Rev:** Let us pray.

Lord God, our Almighty Father. \* You are the Creator of all people, and Your sun rises on the evil and the good, and with the riches of all Your gifts You sustain our earthly life. \* Teach us to give thanks for all the good You do for us

and to accept everything that is difficult. \* Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ, who with You and with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Congregation: Amen.

#### Readings

#### Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-3.11-18

<sup>2</sup> The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' 11 The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." 13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. 16 This is what the Lord has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." 17 The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. 18 But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

#### Epistle: Acts 2:41-47

41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the Word of God. Alleluia!

## • Hymn Come, Holy Spirit (ŚE 225)

1. Come Holy Spirit I need You

Come sweet Spirit I pray

[:Come in Your strength and Your power

Come in Your own gentle way:]

2. Come as a wisdom to children

Come as new sight to the blind

[:Come Lord as strength to my weakness

Take me: soul body and mind:]

3. Come like a spring in the desert

Come to the withered of soul

[:O let Your sweet healing power

Touch me and make me whole:

#### Sermon-John 6:30-35

**Rev:** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Cor 13:13).

<sub>30</sub> So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sub>31</sub> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sub>32</sub> Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sub>33</sub> For the bread of God is that which[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sub>34</sub> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' <sub>35</sub> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

#### • Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us\* and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Rev:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

## • Hymn Take My Life and Let it Be (ŚE 765)

- 1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

  Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise.
- 2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- 4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

# • LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Communion Prayer

**Rev:** We praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, Your holy name, which is exalted above all the powers of the visible and invisible world. We thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, who is our bread of life to us sinners. We thank You that He is hope for all who hunger and seek You. We pray that You send us Your Holy Spirit, so that, nourished at Your Table, we may share our bread with others with love. We await the coming of Your Son, and together with the entire Church, we ask: Maranatha! Come soon, Lord!

## • Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Words of Institution

**Rev:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said:

# TAKE AND EAT, THIS IS † MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU
THIS IS † MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

#### Invitation

**Rev:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. Come, for everything is ready! (Luke 14:17)

## • Post-Communion Prayer

**Rev:** Jesus Christ, who forgives the sinners, \* We thank You for strengthening our souls with the Sacrament of Your Body and Blood. \* Keep us in the sincerity of our faith, teach us to love our neighbors, and lead us to Your kingdom in heaven, \* where You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Congregation: Amen.

## Blessing

**Rev:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, † and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

Congregation: Amen.

## • Hymn Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (Taize) /x4

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life
 Those who come to you will not hunger
 Jesus Christ, risen Lord
 Those who trust in you will not thirst