

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

EASTER 7 (YEAR B)

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1.15–17,21–26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about one hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 1



R. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord. (*All repeat*)



Happy indeed | is the man who follows not the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingers in the | way of sinners, nor sits in the company | of the scornful. **R.**

His delight is in the law | of the Lord, and he meditates on his law | day and night. He is like a tree planted beside | flowing waters, that yields its fruit | in due season. **R.**

It is not so | with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

For the Lord guards the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked | leads to doom. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5.9–13

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord:
I shall return to you, and your hearts shall
rejoice.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 17.6–19

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world,

so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, Lord, our prayers and offerings. Grant that our loving worship may help us to reach the glory of heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**