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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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: 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from Ezekiel.

36. 24-28

**I** will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked:  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that  
do not wither: whatever they do, it shall prosper.

**As for the wicked, it is not so with them:  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement:  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*1. 15-17, 21-26*

**I**n those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for 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 throughout 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

✠Hear the Holy Gospel according to St John.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**I** have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

*17. 6-19*

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**E**ternal 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.**

## VISION

*We aspire to be*

*"... citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."  
Ephesians 2:19-20*

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