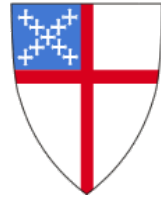


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year B
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Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19
Psalm 1

The Collect

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 Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) 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 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 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, *
and they meditate on that law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: 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, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 17:6-19

Presider: Hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Prayers of the People

The people stand as they are able.

Presider God of glory, we thank you and celebrate the joy of your resurrection, which gives us true life in your love. Help us to receive and reflect your glory in our own lives, as we pray, O God, we live in your love.

Intercessor Send your Spirit upon your church that we might grow to see your presence in all people, learn to serve all who have need, and strive to build the beloved community so that all may have abundant life. We pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Teach those who govern our city, state and nation the power of servant leadership that they may work selflessly for the good of all, and have the wisdom to strive for peace around the world, especially in Ukraine. We pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Bring all who proclaim your name as Savior into the way of love, that we may heal the divisions among us, and forge God's justice wherever we go. We pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Bring comfort and aid to all those who hunger in body and live with inadequate shelter, and give us hearts and wills to change the structures of society that all may flourish. We pray.

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Uphold all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and bring them your healing power to restore and renew, especially **Pamela Stevens, Alejandro Mejia, Jim Runyeon, Nancy Oliver, Lovey Patterson, Bill Croft, Johnny Parry, Rosy Velasco, Sylvia Dorsey, Ivette Melendez, Monica Pang, Estela Hernandez, Zach Kramer, Melissa Utecht, Shira Marin, Phil Boland, Bill Jays, Sara Emerson, Joanne Runyeon, Kathy Runyeon, David Elms, Peggy Trei, Tom Kennedy**, and those we name now...[pause]...we pray,

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Intercessor Bring all those who have departed this life with you into eternal glory, especially...**Charlie Dunn, Rev. Cecil Williams, Anita Kramer, Stephanie Plateman**,, and those we name now ... [pause]...;and for all those who mourn, that they be consoled . We pray.

People **O God, we live in your love.**

Presider O God, your love knows no bounds, you showed us its power to vanquish sin and evil from our world; give us your spirit of love that we may live in you always, and bless others in your Holy Name. **Amen.**