



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷Jesus replied,

“It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by divine authority.

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses

in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

¹¹They said, “You Galileans, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life. or The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from First Peter.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal
that is taking place among you to test you,

as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings,
so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed,
because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God,
is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God,
so that God may exalt you in due time.

⁷Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert.

Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around,
looking for someone to devour.

⁹Resist the devil, steadfast in your faith,
for you know that the members of your family throughout all the world
are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while,
the very God of all grace,
who has called you into eternal glory in Christ,
will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words 「to his disciples,」
he looked up to heaven and said,

“Father, the hour has come;

glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

²since you have given him authority over all people,
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

³And this is eternal life,

that they may know you, the only true God,

and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

⁴I glorified you on earth

by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence

with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“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.

⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,

⁸for 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.

⁹I 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.

¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine,

and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹“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.”

The gospel of the Lord.