

THE SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Psalm 104:30 and Sequence**

Alleluia. Alleluia. O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people: and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come; and from thy celestial home send thy light and brilliancy.

Come, thou father of the poor, come who givest all our store, come the soul's true radiancy;

Come, of comforter's the best, of the soul the sweetest guest, sweetly and refreshingly;

Come, in labour rest most sweet, shade and coolness in the heat, comfort in adversity.

Thou who art the Light most blest, come fulfill their inmost breast, who believe most faithfully;

For without thy Godhead's dower, man hath nothing in his power, save to work iniquity;

What is filthy make thou pure, what is wounded work its cure, water what is parched and dry;

Gently bend the stubborn will, warm to life the heart that's chill, guide who goeth erringly;

Fill thy faithful who adore, and confess thee evermore, with thy sevenfold mystery;

Here thy grace and virtue send, grant salvation in the end, and in heaven felicity. Amen. Alleluia

THE GOSPEL READING**John 20:19-23**

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent

bachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah."

And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink.

But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause for a moment.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a

great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**Easter Sunday****ABC****THE FIRST READING****Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: "You know the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

“They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

“To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

118

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O give thanks unto the Lord,
for he is gracious
because his mercy endureth for ever.
Let Israel now confess
that he is gracious,
and that his mercy endureth for ever. R.

The right hand of the Lord
hath the pre-eminence:
the right hand of the Lord
bringeth mighty things to pass.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord. R.

The same stone
which the builders refused
is become the head-stone in the corner.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes. R.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Brethren: If then you have been

raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:24, 29 & Sequence

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will be joyful and glad in it. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us.

Christians to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises. A Lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest wayfaring?

“The Tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesu's resurrection: Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.” Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-9

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, Mary

gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send 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 now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Pentecost A B C

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they

were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God?”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

104

R. Send forth thy Spirit, O Lord,
and thou shalt renew
the face of the earth.

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
O Lord my God,
thou art become exceeding glorious;
O Lord, how manifold are thy works;
the earth is full of thy creatures. R.

When thou takest away thy spirit
they die,
and are turned again to their dust.
When thou sendest forth thy spirit
they shall be made:
and thou shalt renew
the face of the earth. R.

The glorious majesty of the Lord
shall endure for ever:
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
I will sing unto the Lord
as long as I live:
my joy shall be in the Lord. R.

prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

27

R. I believe that I shall see
the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear:
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

R. I believe that I shall see
the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

One thing have I desired of the Lord,
which I will seek after:
even that I may dwell
in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord,
and to visit his temple. **R.**

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord,
when I cry unto thee:
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee,
Seek ye my face:
Thy face, Lord, will I seek. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Beloved: Rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon

you.

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a wrongdoer, or a mischief-maker; yet if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but under that name let him glorify God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 47:8; John 16:28

Alleluia. Alleluia. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

"And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men 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 which you

Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Second Sunday of Easter **A**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The brethren held steadfastly to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. And fear came upon every

soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people.

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

118

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let Israel now confess
that he is gracious,
and that his mercy endureth for ever.
Let the house of Aaron now confess
that his mercy endureth for ever.
Yea, let them now
that fear the Lord confess
that his mercy endureth for ever. **R.**

The right hand of the Lord
hath the pre-eminence:
the right hand of the Lord
bringeth mighty things to pass.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord hath chastened
and corrected me,
but he hath not given me over
unto death. **R.**

The same stone
which the builders refused
is become the head-stone in the corner.
This is the Lord's doing
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day
which the Lord hath made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.

As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20

Alleluia, alleluia. In the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord: I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. After eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said: Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

The Continuation the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord

For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the nations:
God sitteth upon his holy throne. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Brethren: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 47:5; 68:17,18

Alleluia. Alleluia. God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia. The Lord is among them as in the holy places of Sinai, he is gone up on high: he hath led captivity captive. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Seventh Sunday of Easter **A**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

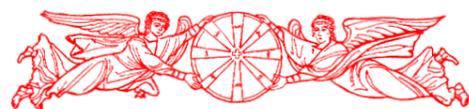
After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to

receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Ascension of the Lord

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

The beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "You heard from me, for John baptized with water, but be-

fore many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

47

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O clap your hands together,
all ye people:

O sing unto God
with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared:
he is the great King
upon all the earth. R.

God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord

with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises,
sing praises unto our God:

O sing praises,
sing praises unto our King. R.

and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Third Sunday of Easter A

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and said:

"Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know - this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

"But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may

not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

"This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

"Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you see and hear."

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

16

R. Lord, in thy presence
is the fulness of joy

Preserve me, God,

for in thee have I put my trust.

The Lord himself is the portion

of mine inheritance, and of my cup:
yea, I have a goodly heritage. R.

I will thank the Lord

for giving me counsel;

I have set God always before me

for he is on my right hand,

therefore I shall not fall. R.

And so my heart rejoices,
my soul is glad;
Wherefore my heart was glad,
and my glory rejoiced :
my flesh also shall rest in hope.
For why? thou shalt not leave my soul
in hell:
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One
to see corruption. **R.**

Thou shalt shew me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fulness of joy :
and at thy right hand
there is pleasure for evermore. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Beloved: If you invoke as Father
him who judges each one impartially
according to his deeds, conduct your-
selves with fear throughout the time of
your exile.

You know that you were ransomed
from the futile ways inherited from
your fathers, not with perishable things
such as silver or gold, but with the pre-
cious blood of Christ, like that of a
lamb without blemish or spot.

He was destined before the founda-
tion of the world but was made mani-
fest at the end of the times for your
sake. Through him you have confi-
dence in God, who raised him from
the dead and gave him glory, so that
your faith and hope are in God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 25:35,46

Alleluia. Alleluia. The disciples knew
the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the
bread. Alleluia. Ought not Christ to
have suffered these things: and so to
have entered into his glory. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

That very day [the first day of the
week] two of the disciples of Jesus
were going to a village named Em-
maus, about seven miles from Jerusa-
lem, and talking with each other about
all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and dis-
cussing together, Jesus himself drew
near and went with them. But their
eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What is this
conversation which you are holding
with each other as you walk?"

And they stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, named Cleopas,
answered him, "Are you the only visi-
tor to Jerusalem who does not know
the things that have happened there in
these days?"

And he said to them, "What things?"

And they said to him, "Concerning
Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet
mighty in deed and word before God
and all the people, and how our chief
priests and rulers delivered him up to
be condemned to death, and crucified
him. But we had hoped that he was the
one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides
all this, it is now the third day since this
happened. Moreover, some women of
our company amazed us. They were at
the tomb early in the morning and did
not find his body; and they came back
saying that they had even seen a vision
of angels, who said that he was alive.
Some of those who were with us went
to the tomb, and found it just as the
women had said; but him they did not
see."

And he said to them, "O foolish

for them that they might receive the
Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on
any of them, but they had only been
baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Then they laid their hands on them and
they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

66

R. Make the voice of his praise
to be heard.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands:
sing praises unto the honour
of his Name,

make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God,

O how wonderful art thou
in thy works. **R.**

All the world shall worship thee,
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

O come hither,

and behold the works of God:
how wonderful he is in his doing
toward the children of men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land
so that they went through
the water on foot.

He ruleth with his power for ever;
his eyes behold the people:

O praise our God, ye people
and make the voice of his praise
to be heard **R.**

O come hither, and hearken,
all ye that fear God,
and I will tell you

what he hath done for my soul.

Praised be God,

who hath not cast out my prayer:
nor turned his mercy from me. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Beloved: In your hearts reverence
Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to make a de-
fense to any one who calls you to ac-
count for the hope that is in you, yet do
it with gentleness and reverence; and
keep your conscience clear, so that,
when you are abused, those who revile
your good behaviour in Christ may be
put to shame. For it is better to suffer
for doing right, if that should be God's
will, than for doing wrong.

For Christ also died for sins once for
all, the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God, being
put to death in the flesh but made alive
in the spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:18

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen, and
hath shewed light unto us: whom he
hath redeemed with his most precious
Blood. Alleluia. I will not leave you
comfortless: I go away and come again
unto you, and your heart shall rejoice.
Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to John

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,
"If you love me, you will keep my com-
mandments. And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Coun-
selor, to be with you for ever, even the
Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot

people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:16; Romans 6:9

Alleluia. Alleluia. The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-12

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

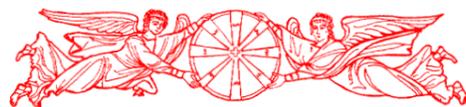
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been

with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Sixth Sunday of Easter A

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Philip went down to a city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs which he did. For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voice; and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed

men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

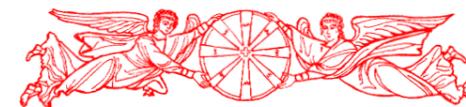
So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight.

They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the Eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter A

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and said to the multitude, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

23

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

The Lord is my shepherd,
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture
and lead me forth
beside the waters of comfort. R.

He shall convert my soul,
and bring me forth
in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me. **R.**

Thou shalt prepare a table before me
against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full. **R.**

But thy loving-kindness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Beloved: If when you do right and
suffer for it you take it patiently, you
have God's approval.

For to this you have been called, be-
cause Christ also suffered for you, leav-
ing you an example, that you should fol-
low in his steps.

He committed no sin; no guile was
found on his lips. When he was re-
viled, he did not revile in return; when
he suffered, he did not threaten; but he
trusted to him who judges justly. He
himself bore our sins in his body on the
tree, that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness. By his wounds you have
been healed. For you were straying like
sheep, but have now returned to the
Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 119:9; John 10:14

Alleluia. Alleluia. The Lord hath sent

redemption: unto his people. Alleluia.
I am the good Shepherd: and know my
sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

The Continuation of the Holy Gospel
according to John.

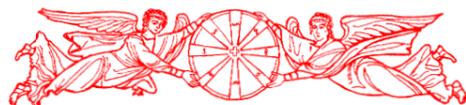
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said, "Truly, tru-
ly, I say to you, he who does not enter
the sheepfold by the door but climbs in
by another way, that man is a thief and
a robber; but he who enters by the door
is the shepherd of the sheep. To him
the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear
his voice, and he calls his own sheep by
name and leads them out. When he has
brought out all his own, he goes before
them, and the sheep follow him, for
they know his voice. A stranger they
will not follow, but they will flee from
him, for they do not know the voice of
strangers."

This figure Jesus used with them,
but they did not understand what he
was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly,
truly, I say to you, I am the door of
the sheep. All who came before me are
thieves and robbers; but the sheep did
not heed them. I am the door; if any
one enters by me, he will be saved, and
will go in and out and find pasture. The
thief comes only to steal and kill and
destroy; I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Fifth Sunday of Easter **A**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days when the disciples
were increasing in number, the Helle-
nists murmured against the Hebrews
because their widows were neglected
in the daily distribution.

And the Twelve summoned the body
of the disciples and said, "It is not right
that we should give up preaching the
word of God to serve tables. There-
fore, brethren, pick out from among
you seven men of good repute, full of
the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we
may appoint to this duty. But we will
devote ourselves to prayer and to the
ministry of the word."

And what they said pleased the whole
multitude, and they chose Stephen, a
man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,
and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor,
and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nico-
laus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they
set before the apostles, and they prayed
and laid their hands upon them.

And the word of God increased;
and the number of the disciples multi-
plied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great
many of the priests were obedient to
the faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

33

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous
for it becometh well the just
to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp;
sing praises unto him with the lute,
and instrument of ten strings. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is true,
and all his works are faithful.
He loveth righteousness and judgment;
the earth is full
of the goodness of the Lord. **R.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon them that fear him;
and upon them that put their trust
in his mercy;
To deliver their soul from death
and to feed them
in the time of famine. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Beloved: Come to the Lord, to that
living stone, rejected by men but in
God's sight chosen and precious; and
like living stones be yourselves built
into a spiritual house, to be a holy
priesthood, to offer spiritual sacri-
fices acceptable to God through Jesus
Christ.

For it stands in scripture: 'Behold,
I am laying in Zion a stone, a corner-
stone chosen and precious, and he
who believes in him will not be put to
shame.'

To you therefore who believe, he
is precious, but for those who do not
believe, 'The very stone which the
builders rejected has become the head
of the corner,' and 'A stone that will
make men stumble, a rock that will
make them fall;' for they stumble be-
cause they disobey the word, as they
were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, God's own