

## Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 13, 2018

### First Reading: Acts 1:12-26, Holy Bible, pages 1691-1692

- Act 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.
- Act 1:13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.
- Act 1:14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.
- Act 1:15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)
- Act 1:16 and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus—
- Act 1:17 he was one of our number and shared in this ministry."
- Act 1:18 (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.
- Act 1:19 Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)
- Act 1:20 "For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms, " 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another take his place of leadership.'
- Act 1:21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
- Act 1:22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."
- Act 1:23 So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

Act 1:24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen

Act 1:25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs."

Act 1:26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

***People: Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 1, Holy Bible, pages 843-844

Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

Ps 1:2 **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Ps 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Ps 1:4 **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Ps 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

Ps 1:6 **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

***People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.***

Second Reading: 1 John 5:6-15, Holy Bible, page 1903

- 1John 5:6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.
- 1John 5:7 For there are three that testify:
- 1John 5:8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.
- 1John 5:9 We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.
- 1John 5:10 Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.
- 1John 5:11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- 1John 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- 1John 5:13 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.
- 1John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
- 1John 5:15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

***People: Thanks be to God.***

***People: (Please Stand)***

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 17:11b-19, Holy Bible, page 1680

- John 17:11b Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.
- John 17:12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.
- John 17:13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.
- John 17:14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.
- John 17:15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
- John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
- John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.
- John 17:18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.
- John 17:19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated: