

Today's Readings
Sunday 12th May
2024
Easter 7

THE COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with
power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by
sin may find forgiveness and
know your peace,
to the glory of God the
Father.

FIRST READING

Acts 1.15-17,21-26

In those days Peter stood up
among the believers (together
the crowd numbered about
one hundred and twenty
people) and said, ¹⁶ '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— ¹⁷ for
he was numbered among us
and was allotted his share in
this ministry.' ²¹ So one of the
men who have accompanied
us throughout the time that
the Lord Jesus went in and
out among us, ²² 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.' ²³ So
they proposed two, Joseph
called Barsabbas, who was
also known as Justus, and
Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed
and said, 'Lord, you know
everyone's heart. Show us
which one of these two you
have chosen ²⁵ to take the
place in this ministry and
apostleship from which Judas
turned aside to go to his own
place.' ²⁶ And they cast lots
for them, and the lot fell on
Matthias; and he was added
to the eleven apostles.

SECOND READING

1 John 5.9-13

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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And
this is the testimony: God
gave us eternal life, and this
life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever
has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the

Son of God does not have
life. 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.

GOSPEL

John 17.6-19

'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. ⁷ Now they
know that everything you
have given me is from
you; ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ All 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.
¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I am
not asking you to take them
out of the world, but I ask you
to protect them from the evil
one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to
the world, just as I do not
belong to the world. ¹⁷
Sanctify them in the truth;
your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you
have sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the
world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I
sanctify myself, so that they
also may be sanctified in
truth.

PSALM 1

¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the
advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners
tread,
or sit in the seat of

scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law
of the Lord,
and on his law they
meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of
water,
which yield their fruit in its
season,
and their leaves do not
wither.
In all that they do, they
prosper.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the
wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will
not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the Lord watches over
the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
will perish.

POST COMMUNION

PRAYER

Eternal God, 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.