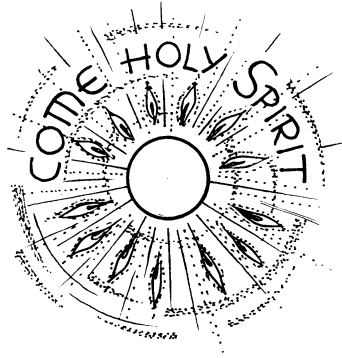


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7th Sunday of Easter (B)

12 May 2024

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Abba, Father, send your Spirit (293) verses 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory forever.

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Alleluia, Amen.

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Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit...

Based on a traditional Peruvian song, Gloria a Dios.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we,
who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers –
there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the

congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had
to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking
through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered
himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus –
after having been one of our number and actually
sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of
Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been
with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was
travelling round with us, someone who was with us
right from the time when John was baptising until the
day when he was taken up from us – and he can act
with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as
Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias,
they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart;
show us therefore which of these two you have chosen
to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas
abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew
lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was
listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
- 2 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness
toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

Second Reading

(1 John 4: 11-16)

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
but as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
and he is living in us
because he lets us share his Spirit.
We ourselves saw and we testify
that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.
We ourselves have known and put our faith in
God's love towards ourselves.
God is love
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(John 17: 11-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.
While I was with them,
I kept those you had given me true to your name.
I have watched over them
and not one is lost
except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.
But now I am coming to you
and while still in the world I say these things
to share my joy with them to the full.
I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them,
because they belong to the world
no more than I belong to the world.
I am not asking you to remove them from the world,
but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Psalm 150 – George Surtees Talbot

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Our Father

Notre père... Têve Mûşu... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...
Padre nostro... 我們的天父

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around
you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion

Song: Be still and know – Keith Duke

Prayer after Communion

Listen to our prayers, God our Saviour,
and through this most holy sacrament
confirm our hope
that you will glorify the whole body of the Church
as you have glorified its head, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Alleluia, sing to Jesus (644) verses 1 & 2

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