

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER < A

May 20 - 21, 2023

After the ascension the apostles returned to pray in the upper room at Jerusalem. Mary and some other women were with them. They prayed continuously for nine days.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 27

[The House of the Lord]

**R/ I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.
Or. Alleluia.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? **(R.)**

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek;
to dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
that I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple. **(R.)**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 4:13-16 [Joy in Suffering]

We should rejoice in sharing in the suffering of Jesus; for this we should not be ashamed. Beware, however, not to violate the rights of others.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not

that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever, and ever.

Amen

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant us peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign Of Peace

Priest : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your
Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I
give you; look not on our sins, but on the
faith of your Church, and graciously grant
her peace and unity in accordance with
your will. Who live and reign for ever and
ever.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you
always

People : **And with your Spirit.**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.*

Reception of Communion

KNEEL

Priest : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of
the Lamb.

People : **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

**Prayer after Communion
[Grant Us Confidence]**

STAND

Hear us, O God our Savior,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the
body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R/ Amen.

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,
Bless us with your heavenly gifts,
and in your mercy make us
your obedient servants.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

R/ Amen.

The mass is ended,
Go and share the joy of
Jesus' ascension with all.
R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT.

[Seek the Lord]

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of
you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not
your face from me, alleluia.**

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to
do,

They strike their breast:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God

Absolution:

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest

C: Collect [Experience Christ among Us]

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Savior 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

SIT

First Reading Acts 1:12-14

[Constant Prayer]

be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

The word of the Lord.

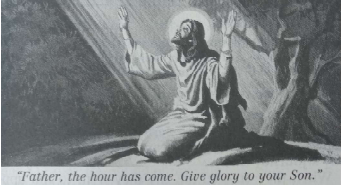
R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Cf. Jn 14:18 [*Joyous Return*]**STAND**

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son."

Gospel Jn 17:1-11a [*Eternal Life*]

Jesus prays to his Father noting that the work given him is finished. The Father is known on earth. Jesus prays for his apostles to whom he entrusted the "good news" of salvation.

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
R/ Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

Rejoicing in the unity for which our Saviour's Ascension to God the father, we offer our prayers:

(pause)

That through the Church's faithful announcement of the Gospel, God's Word may unite us in faith and charity to do the Will of the Father. And so we pray:
Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.

Lord, please guide the hands and minds of the leaders of nations, in the policies and measures to protect the rights and to promote the wellbeing and livelihood of the peoples. And so we pray:

Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the lonely, the sick, the unemployed, and all who are disheartened in any way: that they will find consolation and help in the God's love through those whom he sent. And so we pray:

Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.

For our parish community: with grace may the Lord transform us to become an essential life-giving part and a source of on-going vitality for our church; and to work for the good of many. And so we pray:

Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you are the Head of the Church, we humbly seek your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to join in Your work of redemption and to be the Light to the nations. And so we pray:

Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

And so we pray: **Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.**

Most merciful Father, your beloved Son is the Alpha and the Omega, the bright Morning Star. May we always trust in his great mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SL: Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People : **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church**

Prayer over the Offerings [Glory of Heaven]

STAND

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.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

Preface II of The ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The mystery of the Ascension

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For after his Resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No.2

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : **When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy

For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray,