

Seventh Sunday of Easter (White)

Sunday, May 29th, 2022

Collect

Almighty God,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.
Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading ACTS 16:16-34

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm 97

REFRAIN Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the
foundations of his throne. **R**

A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid. **R**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord
of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. **R**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down
before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements,
O Lord. **R**

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers
them from the hand of the wicked. **R**

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are
truehearted. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. **R**

Second Reading REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's
work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the
end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the
tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to
you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David,
the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who
hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes
take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am
coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the
saints. Amen.

Gospel JOHN 17:20-26

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will
believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me
and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have
sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be
one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you
have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be
with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved
me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know
you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name
known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved
me may be in them, and I in them."

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,
may we who share Christ's banquet
be one with him as he is one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the risen and ascended Lord.