

May 24, 2020  
Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)



**FIRST READING**

Acts 1:12–14

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**T**he Mount of Olives was about half a mile from Jerusalem. The apostles who had gone there were Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon, known as the Eager One and Judas the son of James. After the apostles returned to the city, they the went apostles upstairs to the room where they had been staying.

The apostles often met together and prayed with a single purpose in mind. The women and and prayed Mary with the mother of Jesus would meet with them, and so would his brothers.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 27:1, 4abc, 7-8*

**All:** *I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.*

*You, LORD, are the light  
that keeps me safe.  
I am not afraid of anyone.  
You protect me,  
and I have no fears.*

**All:** *I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.*

*I ask only one thing, LORD:  
Let me live in your house  
every day of my life.*

**All:** *I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.*

*Please listen when I pray!  
Have pity. Answer my prayer.  
My heart tells me to pray.  
I am eager to see your face.*

**All:** *I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord.*

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**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 4:13–16

**A reading from the first letter of Peter**

Brothers and sisters:  
Be glad for the chance to suffer as Christ suffered.  
It will prepare you for even greater happiness  
when he makes his glorious return.

Count it a blessing when you suffer for being a Christian.  
This shows that God's glorious Spirit is with you.  
But you deserve to suffer if you are a murderer, a thief,  
a crook, or a busybody.  
Don't be ashamed to suffer for being a Christian.  
Praise God that you belong to him.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**GOSPEL**  
John 17:6–9

**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

Jesus prayed to God:

“You have given me some followers from this world,  
and I have shown them what you are like.

“They were yours,  
but you gave them to me,  
and they have obeyed you.

They know that you gave me everything I have.

“I told my followers what you told me,  
and they accepted it.

They know that I came from you,  
and they believe that you are the one who sent me.

“I am praying for them,  
but not for those who belong to this world.

My followers belong to you,  
and I am praying for them.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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