

The Sunday After the Ascension

May 12, 2024

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Acts 1:15-26

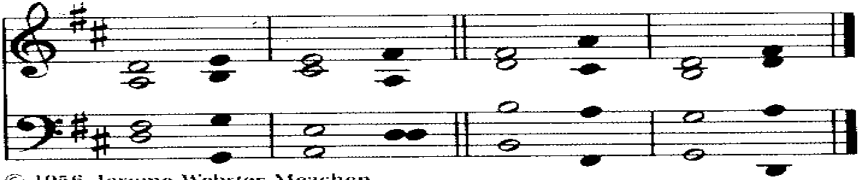
In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

The Psalm will be chanted.



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- 1 O clap your hands together, all you **peoples**; *
O cry aloud unto God with shouts of **joy**.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be **feared**; *
he is the great King over all the **earth**.
- 3 He shall subdue the peoples **under us**, *
and the nations under our **feet**.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance **for us**, *
the pride of Jacob whom he **loved**.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout of **triumph**, *
the LORD with the sound of the **trumpet**.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our **God**; *
O sing praises, sing praises unto our **King**.
- 7 For God is the King of all the **earth**; *
think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a **song**.
- 8 God reigns over the **nations**; *
God sits on his holy **throne**.
- 9 —The princes of the peoples are gathered with the people of the God
of **Abraham**; *
for the mighty upon earth have become the servants of the LORD,
and he is very highly **ex-alted**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without end. **A-men**.

A Reading from 1 John 5:6-15

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel according to St. John 17:11b-19

All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Proper Preface

Ascension

For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.