

Easter 7 – Sunday after Ascension Day (Year A) (May 17th 2026)

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion, that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Psalm 68:1-10

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be
scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.
2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish
away; as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice
before God; let them make merry with gladness.
4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
5 Father of the fatherless, defender of
widows, God in his holy habitation!
6 God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
7 O God, when you went forth before your
people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped
down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of
Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you
refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
10 Your people came to dwell there; in your
goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked
him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore
the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for
you to know the times or periods that the Father
has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will
receive power when the Holy Spirit has come
upon you; and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as
they were watching, he was lifted up, and a
cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was
going and they were gazing up towards heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by
them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you
stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus,
who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go
into heaven.'
¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the
mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a
sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had
entered the city, they went to the room upstairs
where they were staying, Peter, and John, and
James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of
Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son
of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting
themselves to prayer, together with certain
women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as
well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he
looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour
has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may
glorify you, ²since you have given him authority
over all people, to give eternal life to all whom
you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that
they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus
Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on
earth by finishing the work that you gave me to
do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own
presence with the glory that I had in your
presence before the world existed. ⁶I have
made your name known to those whom you
gave me from the world. They were yours, and
you gave them to me, and they have kept your
word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have
given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you
gave to me I have given to them, and they have
received them and know in truth that I came
from you; and they have believed that you sent
me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking
on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those
whom you gave me, because they are
yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine;
and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I
am no longer in the world, but they are in the
world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,
protect them in your name that you have given
me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus
Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the
gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**