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FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2020 – FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ACTS 18. 9-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people.’ He stayed there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal. They said, ‘This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law.’ Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, ‘If it were a matter of crime or serious villainy, I would be justified in accepting the complaint of you Jews; but since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves; I do not wish to be a judge of these matters.’ And he dismissed them from the tribunal. Then all of them seized Sosthenes, the official of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of these things.

After staying there for a considerable time, Paul said farewell to the believers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had his hair cut, for he was under a vow.

For the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47. 1-5

R: Jesus reigns, our Lord and King.

Let all nations clap their hands,
Sing to God with hymns of praise,
For the Lord is high and to be adored,
The great King over all the earth. **R:**

He is gone up with shouts of joy,
The trumpet sounds as the Lord ascends:
O sing praises to our God,
Sing praises to our King. **R:**

For God is King of all the earth,
His mighty acts shall be proclaimed:
The Lord is King over all the world,
He reigns in glory on his throne. **R:**

JOHN 16. 20--24

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people:
and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

This is the Gospel of the Lord;
Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**