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COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

ACTS 1. 6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the Apostles had come together,
they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time
when you will restore the kingdom to
Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to
know the times or periods that the Father
has set by his own authority. But 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.' When he had said this, as they
were watching, he was lifted up, and a
cloud took him out of their sight. While
he was going and they were gazing up
towards heaven, suddenly two men in
white robes stood by them. They 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.'
Then they returned to Jerusalem from the
mount called Olivet, which is near
Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey
away. When 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. All these were
constantly devoting themselves to prayer,
together with certain women, including
Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his
brothers.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68. 1-10

**R: Sing praises to the Lord.
Alleluia!**

Let God arise and let his enemies be
scattered; let those that hate him flee
before him. 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. **R:**
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice
before God; let them make merry with

gladness. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

R:

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R:**

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, 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.

R:

You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary. Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R:**

1 PETER 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know

that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

JOHN 17. 1-11

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I 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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have

been glorified in them. And 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.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Eternal 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.

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