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SUNDAY

Reading 1

[Acts 7:55-60](#)

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

[Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1a and 9a) **The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

R. **The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory. All gods are prostrate before him.

R. **The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

R. **The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20](#)

Reading 2

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

"I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches.

I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Let the hearer say, "Come."

Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

[Jn 17:20-26](#)

Gospel

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

MONDAY

Reading 1

[Acts 19:1-8](#)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the country and down to Ephesus where he found some disciples.

He said to them,

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?"

They answered him,

"We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

He said, "How were you baptized?"

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They replied, "With the baptism of John."
Paul then said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus."
When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Altogether there were about twelve men.

He entered the synagogue, and for three months debated boldly with persuasive arguments about the Kingdom of God.

[Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (33a) **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

God arises; his enemies are scattered,
and those who hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so are they driven;
as wax melts before the fire.

R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

But the just rejoice and exult before God;
they are glad and rejoice.

Sing to God, chant praise to his name;
whose name is the LORD.

R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The father of orphans and the defender of widows
is God in his holy dwelling.

God gives a home to the forsaken;
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[Jn 16:29-33](#)

Gospel

The disciples said to Jesus,
"Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech.

Now we realize that you know everything
and that you do not need to have anyone question you.

Because of this we believe that you came from God."

Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now?"

Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived
when each of you will be scattered to his own home
and you will leave me alone.

But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

I have told you this so that you might have peace in me.

In the world you will have trouble,

but take courage, I have conquered the world."

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[Acts 20:17-27](#)

From Miletus Paul had the presbyters
of the Church at Ephesus summoned.
When they came to him, he addressed them,
"You know how I lived among you
the whole time from the day I first came to the province
of Asia.

I served the Lord with all humility
and with the tears and trials that came to me
because of the plots of the Jews,
and I did not at all shrink from telling you
what was for your benefit,
or from teaching you in public or in your homes.
I earnestly bore witness for both Jews and Greeks
to repentance before God and to faith in our Lord Jesus.
But now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to
Jerusalem.

What will happen to me there I do not know,
except that in one city after another
the Holy Spirit has been warning me
that imprisonment and hardships await me.
Yet I consider life of no importance to me,
if only I may finish my course
and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus,
to bear witness to the Gospel of God's grace.

"But now I know that none of you
to whom I preached the kingdom during my travels
will ever see my face again.
And so I solemnly declare to you this day
that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you,
for I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the entire
plan of God."

[Ps 68:10-11, 20-21](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (33a) **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your
inheritance;
you restored the land when it languished;
Your flock settled in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Blessed day by day be the Lord,
who bears our burdens; God, who is our salvation.

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God is a saving God for us;
the LORD, my Lord, controls the passageways of death.

R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[Jn 17:1-11a](#)

Gospel

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave
him.

Now this is eternal life,
that they should know you, the only true God,
and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.
I glorified you on earth
by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.
Now glorify me, Father, with you,
with the glory that I had with you before the world
began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out
of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them
to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you gave me is from
you, because the words you gave to me I have given to
them, and they accepted them and truly understood that
I came from you, and they have believed that you sent
me. I pray for them.

I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have
given me, because they are yours, and everything of
mine is yours and everything of yours is mine,
and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no
longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I
am coming to you."

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[Acts 20:28-38](#)

At Miletus, Paul spoke to the presbyters of the Church of
Ephesus:

"Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock
of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers,
in which you tend the Church of God
that he acquired with his own Blood.

I know that after my departure savage wolves will come
among you,
and they will not spare the flock.

And from your own group, men will come forward
perverting the truth
to draw the disciples away after them.

So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night
and day,

I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears.

And now I commend you to God
and to that gracious word of his that can build you up
and give you the inheritance among all who are
consecrated.

I have never wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing.
You know well that these very hands
have served my needs and my companions.
In every way I have shown you that by hard work of
that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the
words of the Lord Jesus who himself said,
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

When he had finished speaking he knelt down and
prayed with them all. They were all weeping loudly
as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him,
for they were deeply distressed that he had said
that they would never see his face again.
Then they escorted him to the ship.

[Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (33a) **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Show forth, O God, your power,
the power, O God, with which you took our part;
For your temple in Jerusalem
let the kings bring you gifts.

R. **Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God,
chant praise to the Lord
who rides on the heights of the ancient heavens.
Behold, his voice resounds, the voice of power:
"Confess the power of God!"

R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Over Israel is his majesty;
his power is in the skies.
Awesome in his sanctuary is God, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.

R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[Jn 17:11b-19](#)

Gospel

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying:
"Holy Father, keep them in your name
that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.
When I was with them I protected them in your name
that you gave me,
and I guarded them, and none of them was lost
except the son of destruction,

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in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
But now I am coming to you.
I speak this in the world
so that they may share my joy completely.
I gave them your word, and the world hated them,
because they do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
I do not ask that you take them out of the world
but that you keep them from the Evil One.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them,
so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[Acts 22:30; 23:6-11](#)

Wishing to determine the truth
about why Paul was being accused by the Jews,
the commander freed him and ordered the chief priests
and the whole Sanhedrin to convene.
Then he brought Paul down and made him stand before
them.

Paul was aware that some were Sadducees and some
Pharisees, so he called out before the Sanhedrin,
"My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of Pharisees;
I am on trial for hope in the resurrection of the dead."
When he said this, a dispute broke out between the
Pharisees and Sadducees, and the group became
divided.
For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection
or angels or spirits, while the Pharisees acknowledge all
three. A great uproar occurred, and some scribes
belonging to the Pharisee party stood up and sharply
argued, "We find nothing wrong with this man.
Suppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?"
The dispute was so serious that the commander,
afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them,
ordered his troops to go down and rescue Paul from
their midst and take him into the compound.
The following night the Lord stood by him and said,
"Take courage. For just as you have borne witness to
my cause in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness in
Rome."

[Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1) **Keep me safe, O God; you are my
hope.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether
world,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo
corruption.

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**
or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[Jn 17:20-26](#)

Gospel

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:
"I pray not only for these,
but also for those who will believe in me through their
word,
so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.
And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.
Father, they are your gift to me.
I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the
world.

Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name and I will make it
known,

that the love with which you loved me

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may be in them and I in them."

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Acts 25:13b-21](#)

King Agrippa and Bernice arrived in Caesarea on a visit to Festus.

Since they spent several days there, Festus referred Paul's case to the king, saying, "There is a man here left in custody by Felix. When I was in Jerusalem the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought charges against him and demanded his condemnation.

I answered them that it was not Roman practice to hand over an accused person before he has faced his accusers and had the opportunity to defend himself against their charge.

So when they came together here, I made no delay; the next day I took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought in.

His accusers stood around him, but did not charge him with any of the crimes I suspected.

Instead they had some issues with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus who had died but who Paul claimed was alive.

Since I was at a loss how to investigate this controversy, I asked if he were willing to go to Jerusalem and there stand trial on these charges.

And when Paul appealed that he be held in custody for the Emperor's decision, I ordered him held until I could send him to Caesar."

[Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (19a) **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,

so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

R. **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[Jn 21:15-19](#)

Gospel

After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

He then said to Simon Peter a second time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time,

"Do you love me?" and he said to him,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.

And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[Acts 28:16-20, 30-31](#)

When he entered Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

Three days later he called together the leaders of the Jews.

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When they had gathered he said to them, "My brothers, although I had done nothing against our people or our ancestral customs, I was handed over to the Romans as a prisoner from Jerusalem.

After trying my case the Romans wanted to release me, because they found nothing against me deserving the death penalty.

But when the Jews objected, I was obliged to appeal to Caesar, even though I had no accusation to make against my own nation.

This is the reason, then, I have requested to see you and to speak with you, for it is on account of the hope of Israel that I wear these chains."

He remained for two full years in his lodgings. He received all who came to him, and with complete assurance and without hindrance he proclaimed the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

[Ps 11:4, 5 and 7](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 7b) **The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven.

His eyes behold,
his searching glance is on mankind.

R. **The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

The LORD searches the just and the wicked;
the lover of violence he hates.

For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;
the upright shall see his face.

R. **The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

[Jn 21:20-25](#)

Gospel

Peter turned and saw the disciple following whom Jesus loved,
the one who had also reclined upon his chest during the supper
and had said, "Master, who is the one who will betray you?"

When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?"

Jesus said to him, "What if I want him to remain until I come?

What concern is it of yours?"

You follow me."

So the word spread among the brothers that that disciple would not die.

But Jesus had not told him that he would not die, just "What if I want him to remain until I come?

What concern is it of yours?"

It is this disciple who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.
