



# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

## Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

## The First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, “Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry.”

Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

They prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas

turned away to go to his own place.” When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

## **Psalm 1**

The truly happy person  
doesn't follow wicked advice,  
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,  
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

**Instead of doing those things,  
these persons love the Lord's Instruction,  
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!**

They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,  
which bears fruit at just the right time  
and whose leaves don't fade.

Whatever they do succeeds.

**That's not true for the wicked!**

**They are like dust that the wind blows away.**

And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—

neither will sinners  
in the assembly of the righteous.

**The Lord is intimately acquainted  
with the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.**

## **The Second Reading**

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, God's testimony is greater, because this is what God testified: he has testified about his Son. The one who believes in God's Son has the testimony within; the one who doesn't believe God has made God a liar, because that one has not believed the

testimony that God gave about his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave eternal life to us, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn't have God's Son does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so that you can know that you have eternal life.

## **The Holy Gospel**

John 17:1-19

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created.

"I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this 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 comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

"I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share

completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

### **Next week's readings**

Our readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B and we are using the Common English Bible translations. The readings for next week are:

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Psalm 104:25-35,37

### **Numbers last week**

**8.00 am:** 19

**10.00 am:** 80

**“Hear My Prayer ‘ Survive of Worship:** 80

### **Coffee Hour**

Our coffee hours are hosted by either St. George's, a specific ministry or by a parishioner. Are you able to host? It's simple and easy to do.

For more information, and to sign up, scan the QR code, or email [mofun@stgeorges-maplewood.org](mailto:mofun@stgeorges-maplewood.org)



# Announcements

## Important Upcoming Events

### Sunday May 12

- Second Sunday Supper Church

### Sunday June 2

- General Convention Forum after 10 am service

### Saturday June 8

- David Sard's Funeral

### Sunday June 9

- Pride Sunday

### Sunday June 16

- Juneteenth Celebration

## May Collection for Holy Trinity Food Pantry

Our May collection, which is for Holy Trinity Food Pantry, will be for **low or no-sugar cereal, peanut butter and jelly**. No glass jars, please. Drop off donations in the Narthex food barrel or inside the storage container in the vestibule off the parking lot. Questions: contact Lindsay McHugh at [mchugh.lindsay@gmail.com](mailto:mchugh.lindsay@gmail.com).

## Java Compost Drop off at St. George's

Did you know that US FOOD WASTE yearly creates the CO<sub>2</sub> output = 42 COAL FIRED power plants!?! For less than a cup of Starbucks coffee per week (about 66 cents per day) your household could be a part of the solution.

Bring ALL your composting to church, ensure your compost is used effectively, avoid pests, odors, and annoying the neighbors composting in your own yard.

To become a Java Compost Drop-Off site we need JUST 11 more households to sign up. Email Glen Hoffs at [gahoffs@gmail.com](mailto:gahoffs@gmail.com) for more information about how you could participate.

### **Stay Connected with St. George's!**

Are you new to the parish? Are you excited to learn about the amazing ministries and activities happening at St. George's? Be sure to sign up for our weekly online newsletter so you don't miss out! To sign up, please email our Parish Administrator, Ruth Deane, at [parish-office@stgeorges-maplewood.org](mailto:parish-office@stgeorges-maplewood.org).

### **St. George's Property issues**

Help us to maintain our building! You can now inform us of any property or maintenance issues that need attention by completing an online "Report of Property Issues" found on the Contact Us page of our website (<https://stgeorges-maplewood.org/contact/> ) Describe issue as fully as possible. If you would like to include a picture of the problem, please email it to the office.

### **Stay Connected with the Diocese of Newark!**

As a part of the Diocese of Newark, St. George's contributes to and participates in the larger mission of our diocese— *Join us in following Jesus Christ with bold acts of justice, peace, and love.* Sign up to receive The VOICE Online (our diocesan digital newsletter) and check out the amazing things going on in our Diocese!



### **In Our Prayers this week**

Rich; Jerry Hudson & Christine; Richard & Bea Berggren; Roland Spiotta; Clarence Clarke & Andrezj; Marlene Eubanks; Marianne Dwyer; James & Mary Ip; Orlando; Laticha; Nancy Storrs; Lisa Jubilee

& family; Suzanne & Rev. Bob Morris; Mandy Robinson; Mel Kantor; Rita Paolillo; Andrea; Annette; Tilly-Jo Emerson; Bill Lorentz; Shaunille McDonald; Jillian Hamer; Mark Roy; the soul of Deborah McBride & her family; the soul of Peter Franco & his family; the soul of Christopher Sparks & his family; Bonnie; Elizabeth Allen; Beth Kinney; Robert Oliphant & spouse Kathy Jo Blaske; Rev. George Dredde, his daughters & the soul of Marguerite Smith.

If you wish to request special prayers, please email your request to [st-georges-healing@googlegroups.com](mailto:st-georges-healing@googlegroups.com). Include the name or names (preferably both first & last) and what we should be praying for. NOTE: After one month names are routinely removed from the list unless we receive a request to continue the prayer.

## Questions

1. Do you ever wonder why Jesus needed or wanted to pray? Wasn't he talking to himself?
2. Do you find it interesting that Jesus needed to ask for strength? Can you imagine what he was feeling on the night before he would be arrested? How have you felt when you knew something difficult was coming?
3. Jesus asked that his followers would be protected. What do you think they needed protection from?
4. They are sent and sanctified. What are they sent to do? What does it mean to be sanctified?

Seventh Sunday of Easter

John 17:6–19

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WHAT WOULD JESUS PRAY?

Protect them in your  
name that you have  
given me, so that they  
may be one, as we are  
one...

