



# LECTIONARY

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

**Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

**People: Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \* deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \* for the sake of your

Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \* for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \* for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your

hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand  
of my enemies,  
and from those who perse-  
cute me.

16 Make your face to  
shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-  
kindness save me.”

## SECOND READING

### 1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn:** “*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*” #518

**Priest:** *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

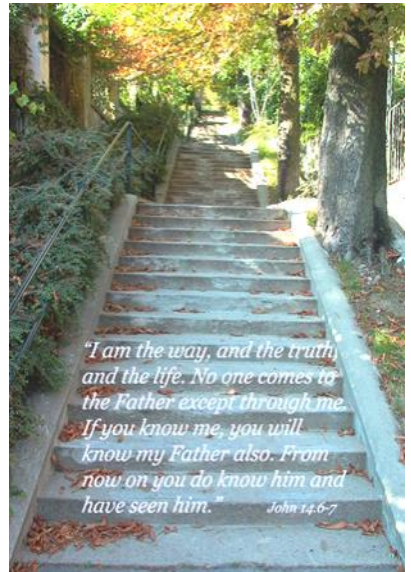
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

## GOSPEL

### JOHN 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**



## Prayers of the People

*After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together*

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially the Episcopal diocese of New Jersey;

We Pray... **Christ hear us!**

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially St. Paul's Sudanese Mission in Phoenix;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our nation, may God's blessings and strength be with all whose lives have been disrupted by the wild fires across the nation;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for our Armed Forces, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our world, we pray for all who were killed or injured by the fireworks explosion in Puebla Mexico and for all who grieve;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for Sierra Vista and our surrounding area, as the end of the school year approaches we ask God to bless the children with a safe and enjoyable summer;

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for those who are poor, sick, mourning or experiencing any kind of suffering. Please say aloud the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

*Pause for people to mention names then say:*

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our friends and loved ones, who have departed this life, may they enjoy the glory of the heavenly city. Please say the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

*Pause for people to mention names then say:*

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**