

**LECTIONARY****FIRST READING****ACTS 1:6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, “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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;*
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire,

so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;

exalt him who rides upon
the heavens; *

Yahweh is his Name, rejoice
before him!

5 Father of orphans, defend-
er of widows, *

God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a
home and brings forth pris-
oners

into freedom; *

but the rebels shall live in
dry places.

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

8 The earth shook, and the
skies poured down rain,

at the presence of God, the
God of Sinai, *

at the presence of God, the
God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O

God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when
it was weary.

10 Your people found their
home in it; *

in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision
for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms
of the earth; *

sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens,
the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his
mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;

his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in
his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving
strength and power to his
people!

Blessed be God!

SECOND READING

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

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 insofar 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 in all 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 forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: *"See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"* #215

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

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 17:1-11

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."

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 for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome;

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

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially the parish of Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix;

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

Let us pray for our nation, asking God to bless the victims of racial violence and to inspire us all to purge our nation of this scourge;

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, especially for the victims of terrorist violence, their families and loved ones, may God bless them with healing and strength;

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

We pray for Sierra Vista and our surrounding area, may God's blessing and inspiration be upon the graduating class of 2017;

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!**