

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind  
for Sunday 16th May 2021  
Easter 7**

**In our Year's Mind today, we pray for:** Robert Deagan, Georgina Robertson, Bob Lawson, Emma Mackenzie, Nora Griffiths, Maisie Anderson, Fiona Brock.

*The Intercessions are being led by Roddy Simson*

**The Collect for Easter 7 is:**

O God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer:  
that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ  
to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven;  
so also we may know his presence with us now,  
and to the end of time;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

**A Reading from Acts 1: 1-11** (Being read by Ian Sutherland)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

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 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 1**

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
4. It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away;
5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The New Testament Reading is from 1 John 5: 9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; or this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading is from John 17: 6-19**

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, 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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

### **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer:**

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**