

FRIDAY 29 MAY 2020

Friday of the 7th Week of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Christ loved us and washed us clean of our sins by his Blood, and made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 25:13-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

For us the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of all I have said to you!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth, says the Lord, alleluia.

SATURDAY 30 MAY 2020

Saturday of the 7th Week of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and his brethren, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 10:4-5, 7

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

The Lord is in his holy temple,
the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.
His eyes look down on the world;
his gaze tests mortal men. **R**

The Lord tests the just and the wicked:
the lover of violence he hates. **R**

The Lord is just and loves justice:
the upright shall see his face. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord;
he will lead you to the whole truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 21:20-25

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Holy Spirit will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine and declare it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.



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*Embracing Villa Maria and
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WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

25 – 30 MAY 2020
7TH WEEK OF EASTER
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The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Dear friends,

On this feast of the Ascension, I offer you two prayers. The first is the common prayer for the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, the encyclical of Pope Francis on the Care of our Common Home. Pope Francis invites us all to pray this prayer at noon today (24th May):

*Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, You created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation. You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but also to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it. May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need. Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind. Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart. Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic. Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good. Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent. Enable us to Listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. Under the Loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

The second is the prayer of entrustment of Australia to the care of Mary Help of Christians, on this her feast day. Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844:

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis. Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

Fr. Anthony



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MONDAY 25 MAY 2020*Our Lady, Help of Christians***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Who is this arising like the dawn, fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun, terrible as an army with banners.

FIRST READING: Sirach 4:11-18**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 112:1-8*R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.*

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! *R*

From the rising of the sun to its setting praised be the name of the Lord! High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. *R*

Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth! *R*

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. *R*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are you, O blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 19:25-27**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for he has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.

TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020*Saint Philip Neri***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-27**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 67:10-11, 20-21

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

May the Lord be blessed day after day. He bears our burdens, God our saviour. This God of ours is a God who saves. The Lord our God holds the keys of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

As the Father loves me, so I also love you; remain in my love, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2020*Wednesday of the 7th Week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 20:28-38**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 67:29-30, 33-36

Show forth, O God, show forth your might, your might, O God, which you have shown for us. For the sake of your temple high in Jerusalem may kings come to you bringing their tribute.

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God, praise the Lord who rides on the heavens, the ancient heavens. He plunders his voice, his mighty voice. Come, acknowledge the power of God.

His glory is over Israel; his might is in the skies. God is to be feared in his holy place. He is the Lord, Israel's God. He gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 17:11-19**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me, and you also will bear witness, says the Lord, alleluia.

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2020*Thursday of the 7th Week of Easter***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

With boldness let us approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace as a timely help, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May all be one as you are, Father, and I in you; let the world believe that you sent me, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

I tell you the truth, it is for your good that I go; for if I do not go away, the Paraclete will not come to you, says the Lord, alleluia.