

May 20, 2012
Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17,
20a, 20c-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day there were about a hundred and twenty of the Lord's followers meeting together, and Peter stood up to speak to them.

He said:

"My friends, long ago by the power of the Holy Spirit, David said something about Judas, and what he said has now happened. Judas was one of us and had worked with us, but he brought the mob to arrest Jesus. In the book of Psalms David said, 'Leave his house empty.'

"It also says, 'Let someone else have his job.'

"So we need someone else to help us tell others that Jesus has been raised from death. He must also be one of the men who was with us from the very beginning. He must have been with us from the time the Lord Jesus was baptized by John until the day he was taken to heaven."

Two men were suggested:

One of them was Joseph Barsabbas, known as Justus, and the other was Matthias.

Then they all prayed,

"Lord, you know what everyone is like! Show us the one you have chosen to be an apostle and to serve in place of Judas, who got what he deserved."

They drew names, and Matthias was chosen to join the group of the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 103:1-2,
19-20ac*

All: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

or

All: Alleluia.

*With all my heart
I praise the LORD,
and with all that I am
I praise his holy name!
With all my heart
I praise the LORD!
I will never forget
how kind he has been.*

All: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

or

All: Alleluia.

*God has set up his kingdom
in heaven, and he rules
the whole creation.
All of you mighty angels,
come and praise your LORD!*

All: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

or

All: Alleluia.

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SECOND READING

1 John 4:11-13

A reading from the first letter of John

Dear friends,
since God loved us this much,
we must love each other.

No one has ever seen God.
But if we love each other,
God lives in us,
and his love is truly in our hearts.

God has given us his Spirit.
That is how we know that we are one with him,
just as he is one with us.

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GOSPEL

John 17:11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus prayed to God:

“Holy Father, I am no longer in the world.

I am coming to you,

but my followers are still in the world.

So keep them safe by the power of the name
that you have given me.

Then they will be one with each other,
just as you and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.