

## READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May 17<sup>th</sup>—8:00 & 10:15am

**First Reading (8 & 10:15)** *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “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.

The Word of the Lord.

**The Psalm (8:00 only)    *Please check that microphone is on***

Let us pray a portion of Psalm 68 responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

- 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, defender of widows, \***  
God in his holy habitation!
- 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.
- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,  
even thousands of thousands;\***  
The Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.
- 18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;  
you have received gifts even from your enemies,\***  
that the Lord God might dwell among them.

**Second Lesson (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on***

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**The Prayers (8:00 only) Please check that microphone is on**

*Deacon: In this season of resurrection, let us pray for the church and the world saying: Hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your Church, St. Paul's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That the Church celebrating the resurrection with joy may bring the light of Christ into the world. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of all nations, knowing their power, may bring peace and justice to the world. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That the presence of the Resurrected Christ may be found in places of suffering, violence, oppression and injustice. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

That all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted, especially **Betty Ann, Mary Jane, David, Bob, Marcia, Claudius, Jack, Linda, Mara, Shelia, Bill, Diane, Lois, Donna, Hans, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha, Amelia, Ella, Bill**, and those whose names are held in the quiet of our hearts. Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

For the saints and martyrs; for the witnesses of the resurrection; for Andrew S. MacDowell Jr. and Kenneth & Beverly Frisch, in whose honor and to God's glory the flowers have been given; and for all those who have passed over from the darkness of death into the glorious light of Christ: Risen One, **hear our prayer.**

*After a period of silence, the presider adds a collect.*