

Readings for the Sundays of Easter

Easter 5 Sunday April 30

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 31:1-5

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

**4 Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Reading: John 14:1-14

1 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 9 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me[e] for anything, I will do it.

Easter 6 Sunday May 7

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 66:7-18

7 Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

**8 Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

**12 I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth
and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me,**

17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.**

Reading: John 14:15-21

15 Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Easter 7 Sunday May 14

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 68:1-10

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

**2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;
as 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 make merry with gladness.

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.**

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

**6 God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.**

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

**8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

**10 Your people came to dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.**

Reading: John 17:1-10

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 '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. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 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. 9 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. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.