

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
16th May, 2010**

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97

Response: *The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.*

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
His throne is justice and right. **R.**

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you spirits, worship him. **R.**

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

Second Reading

Rev. 22:12-20

A reading from the book of Revelation

Come, Lord Jesus!

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's

work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you, and your hearts shall rejoice. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Jn. 17:20-26

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

Father, may they be one in us!

[Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.