

**The Monmouth
Group of Parishes
Easter 7 Year A**



COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 36. 24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you
from all the countries, and bring you into your
own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your
uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will
cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a
new spirit I will put within you; and I will
remove from your body the heart of stone and
give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit
within you, and make you follow my statutes
and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then
you shall live in the land that I gave to your
ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I
will be your God.

PSALM 68. 1-10

SECOND READING: Acts 1. 6-14

So, when they had come together, they asked
him, '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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in
white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of
Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards
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.

GOSPEL READING: John 17. 1-11

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, since you have given him authority
over all people, to give eternal life to all whom
you have given him. And this is eternal life, that
they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus
Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on
earth by finishing the work that you gave me to
do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own
presence with the glory that I had in your
presence before the world existed.

'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. Now they know that everything you
have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine;
and I have been glorified in them. And now I am
no longer in the world, but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect
them in your name that you have given me, so
that they may be one, as we are one.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the
world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

