

May 17, 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from the 45th Chapter of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the 1st Chapter of Acts.

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.

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