

## YEAR A, EASTER 6, 2020, SUNDAY: MASS

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Peter**

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “He that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile; let him turn away from evil and do right; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those that do evil.”

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right? But even if you do suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and

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keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 148:7–14**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 148, verses 7 through 14, found in the Prayer Book on page 806.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

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- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

*Please turn the page and lead the Gospel Acclamation.*

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## The Gospel Acclamation

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* I will not leave you orphans; \*  
I am going, but I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his seat.*

## The Holy Gospel

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ ac-cor-ding to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the supper before the Passover, Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away. And

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every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spo-ken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you a-bide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; a-bide in my love. If you keep my

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commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and a-bide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy ↑MAY be full.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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