

## READINGS FOR EASTER 7 May 17, 2026

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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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*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Psalm is Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36. We will read it responsively, breaking at the asterisk. It can be on the screens or on page 676 in the BCP.

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*

**let those who hate him flee before him.**

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*

**as the 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 also be merry and joyful.**

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*

**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*

**God in his holy habitation!**

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6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;

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**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*

**when you marched through the wilderness,**

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of  
God, the God of Sinai, \*

**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*

**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

10 Your people found their home in it; \*

**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

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33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*

**sing praises to the Lord.**

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*

**he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; \*

**his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.**

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*

**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!**

**Blessed be God!**

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### **A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter.**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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