

Monday 11 May 2026 of the sixth week of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Sailing from Troas we made a straight run for Samothrace; the next day for Neapolis, and from there for Philippi, a Roman colony and the principal city of that particular district of Macedonia. After a few days in this city, we went along the river outside the gates as it was the sabbath and this was a customary place for prayer. We sat down and preached to the women who had come to the meeting. One of these women was called Lydia, a devout woman from the town of Thyatira who was in the purple-dye trade. She listened to us, and the Lord opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying. After she and her household had been baptised, she sent us an invitation: 'If you really think me a true believer in the Lord,' she said 'come and stay with us'; and she would take no refusal.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 149:1-6. 9. R. v.4

(R.) The Lord takes delight in his people.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their king. (R.)
2. Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.
For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation. (R.)
3. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips:
this honour is for all his faithful. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:26–16:4

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset.

'I have told you all this
so that your faith may not be shaken.
They will expel you from the synagogues,
and indeed, the hour is coming
when anyone who kills you will think he is doing a holy duty for God.
They will do these things
because they have never known either the father or myself.
But I have told you all this,
so that when the time for it comes
you may remember that I told you.'

Tuesday 12 May 2026 of the sixth week of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The crowd of Philippians joined in and showed its hostility to Paul and Silas, so the magistrates had them stripped and ordered them to be flogged. They were given many lashes and then thrown into prison, and the gaoler was told to keep a close watch on them. So, following his instructions, he threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Late that night Paul and Silas were praying and singing God's praises, while the other prisoners listened. Suddenly there was an earthquake that shook the prison to its foundations. All the doors flew open and the chains fell from all the prisoners. When the gaoler woke and saw the doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to commit suicide, presuming that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted at the top of his voice, 'Don't do yourself any harm; we are all here.'

The gaoler called for lights, then rushed in, threw himself trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas, and escorted them out, saying, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They told him, 'Become a believer in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, and your household too.' Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all his family. Late as it was, he took them to wash their wounds, and was baptised then and there with all his household. Afterwards he took them home and gave them a meal, and the whole family celebrated their conversion to belief in God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 7-8. R. v.7

(R.) Your right hand has saved me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation See John 16:7. 13

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; he will lead you to the whole truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 16:5-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now I am going to the one who sent me. Not one of you has asked, "Where are you going?" Yet you are sad at heart because I have told you this. Still, I must tell you the truth: it is for your own good that I am going because unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I do go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will show the world how wrong it was, about sin, and about who was in the rights and about judgement: about sin: proved by their refusal to believe in me; about who was in the right: proved by my going to the father and you're seeing me no more; about judgement: proved by the prince of this world being already condemned.'

Wednesday 13 May 2026 of the sixth week of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 17:15. 22–18:1

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul's escort took him as far as Athens, and went back with instructions for Silas and Timothy to re-join Paul as soon as they could.

Paul stood before the whole Council of the Areopagus and made this speech:

'Men of Athens, I have seen for myself how extremely scrupulous you are in all religious matters, because I noticed, as I strolled round admiring your sacred monuments, that you had an altar inscribed: To an Unknown God. Well, the God whom I proclaim is in fact the one whom you already worship without knowing it.

'Since the God who made the world and everything in it is himself Lord of heaven and earth, he does not make his home in shrines made by human hands. Nor is he dependent on anything that human hands can do for him, since he can never be in need of anything; on the contrary, it is he who gives everything – including life and breath – to everyone. From one single stock he not only created the whole human race so that they could occupy the entire earth, but he decreed how long each nation should flourish and what the boundaries of its territory should be. And he did this so that all nations might seek the deity and, by feeling their way towards him, succeed in finding him. Yet in fact he is not far from any of us, since it is in him that we live, and move, and exist, as indeed some of your own writers have said:

"We are all his children."

'Since we are the children of God, we have no excuse for thinking that the deity looks like anything in gold, silver or stone that has been carved and designed by a man.

'God overlooked that sort of thing when men were ignorant, but now he is telling everyone everywhere that they must repent, because he has fixed a day when the whole world will be judged, and judged in righteousness, and he has appointed a man to be the judge. And God has publicly proved this by raising this man from the dead.'

At this mention of rising from the dead, some of them burst out laughing; others said, 'We would like to hear you talk about this again.' After that Paul left them, but there were some who attached themselves to him and became believers, among them Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman called Damaris, and others besides. After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 148:1-2. 11-14

(R.) Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host. (R.)
2. All earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes and rulers;
young men and maidens,
old men together with children. (R.)
3. Let them praise the name of the Lord
for he alone is exalted.
The splendour of his name
reaches beyond heaven and earth. (R.)
4. He exalts the strength of his peoples.
He is the praise of all his saints,
of the sons of Israel,
of the people to whom he comes close. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation John 14:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Thursday 14 May 2026 Saint Matthias, Apostle

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture has to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let his camp be reduced to ruin, let there be no one to live in it.
And again:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-8. R. cf. v.8

(R.) The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory. (R.)
3. Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne?
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
4. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go out and bear fruit that will last.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the father has loved me so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

Friday 15 May 2026 of the sixth week of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At Corinth one night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision, 'Do not be afraid to speak out, nor allow yourself to be silenced: I am with you. I have so many people on my side in this city that no one will even attempt to hurt you.' So, Paul stayed at Corinth preaching the word of God among them for eighteen months.

But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a concerted attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal. 'We accuse this man' they said 'of persuading people to worship God in a way that breaks the Law.' Before Paul could open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, 'Listen, you Jews. If this were a misdemeanour or a crime, I would not hesitate to attend to you; but if it is only quibbles about words and names, and about your own Law, then you must deal with it yourselves – I have no intention of making legal decisions about things like that.' Then he sent them out of the court, and at once they all turned on Sosthenes, the synagogue president, and beat him in front of the court house. Gallio refused to take any notice at all.

After staying on for some time, Paul took leave of the brothers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had his hair cut off, because of a vow he had made.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-7. R. v.8

(R.) God is king of all the earth.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Highest, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. He subdues peoples under us
and nations under our feet.
Our inheritance, our glory, is from him,
given to Jacob out of love. (R.)
3. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 16:20-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I tell you most solemnly, you will be weeping and wailing while the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful but your sorrow will turn to joy. A woman in childbirth suffers, because her time has come; but when she has given birth to the child, she forgets the suffering in her joy that a man has been born into the world. So, it is with you: you are sad now, but I shall see you again, and your hearts will be full of joy, and that joy no one shall take from you. When that day comes, you will not ask me any questions.'

Saturday 16 May 2026 of the sixth week of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul came down to Antioch where he spent a short time before continuing his journey through the Galatian country and then through Phrygia, encouraging all the followers.

An Alexandrian Jew named Apollos now arrived in Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, with a sound knowledge of the scriptures, and yet, though he had been given instruction in the Way of the Lord and preached with great earnestness and was accurate in all the details he taught about Jesus, he had only experienced the baptism of John. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him speak boldly in the synagogue, they took an interest in him and gave him further instruction about the Way.

When Apollos thought of crossing over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote asking the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived there, he was able by God's grace to help the believers considerably by the energetic way he refuted the Jews in public and demonstrated from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 8-10. R. v.8

(R.) God is king of all the earth.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Highest, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations:
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)
3. The princes of the peoples are assembled
with the people of Abraham's God.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
to God who reigns over all. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation John 16:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

I went from the father and came into the world; and now I leave the world to return to the father.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 16:23-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I tell you most solemnly, anything you ask for from the father he will grant in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and so your joy will be complete. I have been telling you all this in metaphors; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in metaphors, but tell you about the father in plain words. you will ask in my name; When that day comes and I do not say that I shall pray to the Father for you. Because the Father himself loves you for loving me and believing that I came from God. I came from the father and have come into the world and now I leave the world to go to the father.'