

Tuesday, May 26, 2020; Seventh Week of Easter

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 67(68):10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11

“Father, the hour has come.”

We revisit Jesus’ prayer for us in today’s gospel. Jesus prayed from a position of intimacy with the Father, addressing him directly and intimately, just as he taught us to do in the Lord’s prayer. In Christ, God draws us into the same intimacy so that we too can pray from the same position, especially with Jesus interceding for us by the Father’s side. In this prayer, traditionally called Christ’s High Priestly Prayer because of its focus on consecration, Jesus put himself, his disciples and the entire world in God’s hands, as he returns to the Father, all that the Father entrusted to him. As such, we are set apart, consecrated for God’s work on earth. Hopefully, we would be, at the end of our lives, like Paul, convinced that we have accomplished the work that God entrusted to us. That is the only report card that matters.

Spirit of faith and the fear of God; Abide with us. Amen.

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