

WEDNESDAY EASTER 7

First Reading: Acts 20: 28-38;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;

Gospel Reading: John 17: 11b-19.

THEME: Forging Christian Unity

The two readings for the liturgy today are farewell speeches of great leaders to their followers: St. Paul and Jesus Christ in the first and Gospel readings respectively. Both leaders acknowledged trials in a hostile world. At the Last Supper in the Priestly Prayer, Jesus Christ prayed for unity and perseverance among his followers. Jesus prayed that his followers be consecrated to the truth; to be consecrated to Jesus who is the Truth, Way, and Life. To be consecrated means to be set apart, to be made holy, and to be armed with the truth of Jesus Christ to do the will of the heavenly Father.

God the Father has a unique mission for each of us; to deliver the gifts he has given us in collaboration with others. Thus, the need for unity! We are called to forge Christian unity. In the second Eucharistic prayer, we pray that “partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, who makes holy. He transforms to make holy. Living the truth is a pledge of living with Jesus at where the Father lives forever and ever.

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