

# Scripture Readings for Exaudi Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) 2021

## Introit

*Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia. \*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Teach me your way, | O LORD;\*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;

for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me, \*

and they breathe out | violence.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia. \*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 36:22–28*

### I Will Put My Spirit Within You

<sup>22</sup>“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

## Psalm

*Psalm 51:1–12; antiphon: v. 10*

### **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your | steadfast love; \*  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my trans- | gressions.
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity, \*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my trans- | gressions, \*  
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- <sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil | in your sight, \*  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your | judgment.
- <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity, \*  
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- <sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being, \*  
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; \*  
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and | gladness; \*  
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins, \*  
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, | O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your | presence, \*  
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation, \*  
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 4:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:26—16:4*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>1</sup>“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

## The Work of the Holy Spirit

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

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