# 7th Sunday of Easter - C

### Reading 1, Acts 7:55-60

55 But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into [heaven](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5593) and saw the [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) of God, and [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) standing at God's [right](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10046) hand. 56 'Look! I can see [heaven](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5593) thrown open,' he said, 'and the Son of [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) standing at the [right](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10046) hand of God.' 57 All the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they made a concerted rush at him, 58 thrust him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) called Saul. 59 As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' 60 Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this [sin](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10849) against them.' And with these words he fell asleep.

**Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9**

1 Yahweh is king! Let earth rejoice, the many isles be glad! 2 Cloud, black cloud enfolds him, saving [justice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) and judgement the foundations of his throne.

6 The heavens proclaim his saving justice, all nations see his glory. 7 Shame on all who serve images, who [pride](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=9620) themselves on their idols; bow down to him, all you gods!

9 For you are Yahweh, Most High over all the earth, far transcending all gods.

### Reading 2, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

12 Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay everyone as their deeds deserve. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. 14 Blessed are those who [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) have washed their robes clean, so that they [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) have the [right](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10046) to feed on the tree of [life](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) and can come through the gates into the city. 16 I, Jesus, have sent my [angel](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=774) to attest these things to you for the sake of the churches. I am the sprig from the root of David and the bright star of the morning. 17 The [Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11004) and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come!' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. 20 The one who attests these things says: I am indeed coming soon. Amen; come, [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) Jesus.

### Gospel, John 17:20-26

20 I pray not only for these but also for those who through their teaching [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) come to believe in me. 21 May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I am in you, so that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. 22 I have given them the [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. 23 With me in them and you in me, may they be so perfected in [unity](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11813) that the world [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) recognise that it was you who sent me and that you have loved them as you have loved me. 24 Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see my [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) which you have given me because you loved me before the [foundation](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4807) of the world. 25 Father, Upright One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. 26 I have made your name known to them and [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.