

	Transition Times	

Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Look

We are experiencing many transitions individually and as a community: beginning of summer, graduations, preparing for travel.

1. What are some past transitions that stand out in your memory?
2. What transitions are you experiencing right now? What joys are part of those transitions? What sorrows?
3. In general, how do you respond to transitional times? Are transitions difficult or exciting (or both) for you?

Book: John 17:1-11

1. What is the purpose of this passage? What is Jesus doing and why?
2. What does Jesus give thanks for? What does Jesus pray for?

Book: Acts 1:6-14

This passage describes the ascension, the last time that Jesus is physically present with the disciples. The disciples do not know it yet, but they are about to enter a liminal time, a time in between Jesus' presence with them and the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

1. How do the disciples respond to the ascension? Do they understand its purpose? What helps them make sense of this event (v. 14)?

Took

We know that the Holy Spirit is always with us but we are also always waiting and praying to be aware of the Holy Spirit's presence.

1. Where have you felt the Holy Spirit's presence recently?
2. What keeps you from being aware of God's presence?
3. What can strengthen your prayer life this week?