

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Feast of  
**Philip, Deacon and Evangelist**

October 14, 2020

**Psalm 67** (*read in unison*)

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
*show us the light of his countenance and come to us.*
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
*your saving health among all nations.*
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
*let all the peoples praise you.*
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
*for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.*
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
*let all the peoples praise you.*
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
*may God, our own God, give us his blessing.*
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
*and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.*

**A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 8:26-40*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

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Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

*Matthew 28:18–20*

Jesus came and said to the disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Word of the Lord.

*People respond: Thanks be to God.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

O God, who has made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that we, following the example of your servant Philip, may bring your Word to those who seek you for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.