

**Saturday, May 23**

**Acts 18:23-28**

After spending some time there he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Now there came to Ephesus a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria. He was an eloquent man, well-versed in the scriptures. He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord; and he spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately. And when he wished to cross over to Achaia, the believers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. On his arrival he greatly helped those who through grace had become believers, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus.

**Psalm 47**

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted

**John 16:23-28**

On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. 'I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.'

**Collect**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.