

7th Sunday of Easter Time - Year A

- Remember West Wing? It was my favorite.
 - Whenever President Bartlett was finished – *What's Next?*
 - Others might want to continue – but he wanted to move on
 - TH was Ascension Thursday – we read about it in our 1st Reading
 - *What's next?*
 - Jesus had come, been born at Bethlehem
 - Grew up at Nazareth, lived His life, Healed, Preached
 - Laid down His life, Died, Rose from the dead
 - He appeared to them, ate with them, and now Ascended.
 - *What's next?*
 - There's a phrase in Theology “Already, not yet.”
 - 2nd coming – we are saved, but He's not yet returned
 - Already accomplished – but not yet
 - Same here – JC died, risen, ascended, yet something's missing
 - *What's Next?* Pentecost & power of Holy Spirit
 - So they return to Jerusalem
 - Picture this scene in the first reading
 - Ascension has just happened
 - Apostles leave Olivet and come back to Jerusalem
 - Enter the Upper Room (same Upper Room they'd hid in)
 - Mary and other women are waiting
 - Peter knows his past - Mary knows his past
 - Does Peter say “Let us pray”? Does Mary?
 - I think Mary embraces Peter with a look & a nod
(Mothers do that)
 - Peter leads the prayer
 - & they “devote themselves, with one accord, to prayer”
 - They are at a unique time – Between Ascension and Pentecost
 - It's already, but not yet
 - Peter on his own – not!
 - Peter with the Holy Spirit – power!
 - *What's next?* Pentecost & power of Holy Spirit
 - **How does this relate to us?**
 - We are in the same boat with Apostles.
 - We've been baptized, we believe JC
 - *What's next?* What did they do?

Devote ourselves, with one accord, to prayer
Making themselves available, so the HS could take over
Are we willing to do the same? *What's next?*