

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 13, 2018**

**The Collect:** 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.**

### **First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

#### **Psalm 1: from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer**

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \* and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \* they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \* nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### **Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13**

### **Gospel: John 17:6-19**

### **Saint for the week: On May 13 we celebrate the life of Thurgood Marshall, Lawer and Jurist.**

Thurgood Marshall (July 2, 1908 – January 24, 1993) was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, serving from October 1967 until October 1991. Marshall was the Court's 96th justice and its first African-American justice.

Before becoming a judge, Marshall was a lawyer who was best known for his high success rate in arguing before the Supreme Court and for the victory in *Brown v. Board of Education*, a decision that desegregated public schools. He served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit after being appointed by President John F. Kennedy and then served as the Solicitor General after being appointed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. President Johnson nominated him to the United States Supreme Court in 1967.

Marshall was a devoted Episcopalian and an active member of St. Philip's Church in Harlem, serving on the Vestry, as Senior Warden and as Deputy to the 1964 General Convention, before moving to Washington.

**Let us pray:** Eternal and ever-gracious God, you blessed your servant Thurgood with exceptional grace and courage to discern and speak the truth: Grant that, following his example, we may know you and recognize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to love one another; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**