

St. Thomas a'Becket
May 2, 2021 / Fifth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: **Lift Up Your Hearts (Roc O'Connor)**

Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
 Praise the name above all names!
 Say to God, 'How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!'

2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
 Praise the glory of your name!
 Come and see the deeds of the Lord, bless God's holy name!

Greeting & Introduction

Sprinkling Rite: **Come to the River (Bob Hurd)**

Refrain

Come, O come, come to the river
flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
but in the Lord we shall arise.

Glory to God:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: **I Will Praise You, Lord, in the Assembly (ILP)**

Antiphon

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Psalm 22)

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.
The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:
“May your hearts live forever!”

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of the nations
shall bow down before him.

To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Verse: John 15:4a, 5b

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Homily

Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Preparation of the Gifts

Response: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Doxology/Amen

Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father...**

Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Communion Antiphon: **5th Sunday of Easter (Angrisano/Hart/Stephan)**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Communion Hymn: **Resucitó (Kiko Arguello)**

Refrain

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.

Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó.

Final: Aleluya.

Verses

1. And death now, vanished is the fear now,
banished are my tears now,
death has passed away.
2. The kingdom, praise to God, the kingdom!
Raised up to the kingdom,
we shall live in love.
3. Our gladness, blessed in our gladness,
this will be our gladness,
that he is alive.

4. With him then, die and live with him then,
rise and sing our hymn then,
sing alleluia.

Communion Prayer

Final Blessing

Sending Forth: **Sing of the Lord's Goodness (Ernest Sands)**

- I. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.

Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

2. Power he has wielded, honor is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.