

FRIDAY EASTER 5

First Reading: Acts 15: 22-31;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 57: 8-9, 10, 12;

Gospel Reading: John 15: 12-17.

THEME: God's Love Invites to Love

According to the Scriptures, God is love (1 Jn 4: 8). God created us in, and from love, for love. Everything God does flows from his immense love for his creation. God created us to be his friends. Jesus defined friendship as mutual bonds of trust and affection. For this reason, Jesus Christ gave up his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins to set us free for love. God loves beyond what we can expect, deserve, or imagine. God's love is an enduring love that has power to transform us to be merciful, gracious, kind, forgiving, and steadfast like himself. His love transforms us in showing love for our friends and enemies.

The Apostles showed their love and acted in love for the Good News for the Gentiles to embrace Jesus Christ without hindrances as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles at the First Ecumenical Council in Jerusalem. We pray that Jesus Christ helps us nurture the friendship he established with us.

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