

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prayers and Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Gloria

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

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial:

I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to

you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow

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.

Communion Antiphon

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.



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust,
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE SONG:

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

Scott Soper

Verses

1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, the One who
 2. I know that I shall one day see the good-ness
 3. The last day I shall rise a-gain, shall be re-

1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to
 2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and
 3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

Refrain

1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re-
 2. death will be no more.
 3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.

deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.

We Have Been Told

Refrain

We have been told, we've seen his face, and heard his voice a-
 live in our hearts; "Live in my love with all your heart, as the
 Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you."

Verse 1

1. "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and all who
 live in me will bear great fruit."

Verses 2, 3

2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com-mands,
 3. "No great-er love is there than this: to
 no long - er slaves, I call you friends."
 lay down one's life, for a friend."

COMMUNION SONGS

IN EVERY AGE

Janet Sullivan Whitaker

Verse 1

1. Long be - fore the moun - tains came to be and the land and
 1. sea and stars of the night, through the end-less sea - sons of all
 1. time, you have al - ways been, you will al - ways be.

Refrain

In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our ref - uge.

In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

Final

God, you have been our hope,
 you have been our ref - uge, you have been our hope.

Verse 2

2. Des-ti - ny is cast, and at your si-lent word we re-turn to
 2. dust and scat-ter to the wind. A thou-sand years are like a sin-gle mo-ment
 2. gone, as the light that fades at the end of day.

UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,
 it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

Verses

1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
 2. If an - y one serves me, then they must fol - low me;
 3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you;

1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.
 2. wher - ev - er I am, my ser - vants will be.
 3. those who re - main in me bear much fruit.

CLOSING SONG

PRaise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIM

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his
 3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -

1. giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. fore him, In his ho - ly dwell - ing place. Al - le - lu - ia!

1. feet thy trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 2. chil - dren in dis - tress; Praise him still the same as
 3. fee - ble frame he knows; In his hands he gen - tly
 4. hold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be -

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.