

May 1/2, 2021  
Worship Aid  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Gathering Hymn: The Strife is O'er**

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness, people waking, know the everlasting peace.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits; ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

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**Opening Prayer**

**Gloria, Mass of Glory**

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 of the Apostles 9:26-31

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
"I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:18-24

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel** John 15:1-8

**Homily**

**Profession of Faith**

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.

**Mass Parts: Mass of Glory**

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**Offertory Hymn: Christians, Let Us Love One Another**

1. Christians, let us love one another, as we share the true living bread. Jesus is our God and our brother; with his flesh and blood we are fed.

*Refrain: Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.*

6. Jesus is the vine, we the branches; we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread. Those who eat this bread live forever, one with Christ our Lord and our Head. *Refrain: Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.*

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### **Communion Hymn: Vine and Branches**

*Refrain: I am the vine and you are the branches. Remain in me as I remain in you; you will bear great fruit in me.*

1. A new commandment I give you: even as I have loved you, now love one another. *Refrain*
2. No greater love is there than this: than to lay down your life, your life for your friends. *Refrain*
3. I am the living bread from heaven; if you eat this bread, you will live forever. *Refrain*
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood remain in me and I remain in them. *Refrain*
5. The words that I have spoken are spirit and life, they are spirit and life. *Refrain*

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### **Sending Hymn: Be Joyful, Mary**

1. Be Joyful, Mary, heav'nly queen, *Gaude, Maria: your Son who died was living seen, Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.*
2. The Son you bore by heaven's grace, *Gaude, Maria: did all our guilt and sin efface, Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.*

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### **If you are not able to receive communion today, the Spiritual Communion Prayer:**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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*

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