

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.*

1. God's people dance for joy,  
oh come before the Lord  
and play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep,  
your Saviour now has come,  
and he has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song..



## 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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31  
*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 21: 26-28. 30-32. R) v.26

**R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John 3:18-24  
*His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience and he  
knows everything.

My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

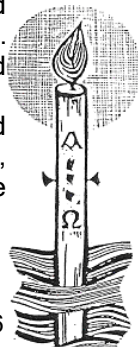
## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8  
*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.



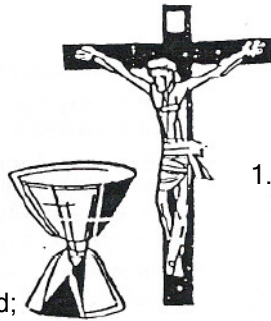
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
 bears fruit in plenty;  
 for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
 Anyone who does not remain in me  
 is like a branch that has been thrown away  
 - he withers;  
 these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
 and they are burnt.  
 If you remain in me  
 and my words remain in you,  
 you may ask what you will  
 and you shall get it.  
 It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
 much fruit,  
 and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 (All bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,



I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*United in one body with Jesus Christ the Lord,  
 we bring to You our offering  
 of bread and wine, O God.*

1. We are the wheat of Christ:  
 If we be ground in the mill of life,  
 May we be found pure bread.
2. We are the grape of Christ;  
 If we be crushed in the wine-press of suffering,  
 May we be found pure wine.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

1. All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give  
 I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live  
*I surrender all, I surrender all  
 All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.*
2. All to Jesus I surrender Lord, I want to follow Thee  
 Lose my life that I may save it,  
 through thy Cross gain victory
3. All to Jesus I surrender, born of Mary, God's own Son  
 Thru this Eucharistic banquet,  
 make me Jesus, with Thee one.
4. All to Jesus I surrender: may I see Thee in the poor  
 In the fight against oppression let me never Thee ignore  
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1. In His time, in His time  
 He makes all things beautiful in His time  
 Lord, please show me ev'ryday  
 As you're teaching me your way  
 That you do just what You say in Your time.
2. In Your time, in Your time  
 You make all things beautiful in Your time  
 Lord, my life to You I bring  
 May each song I have to sing  
 Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.
3. There's a time, there's a time  
 Both for sowing and for reaping there's a time  
 Time for losing, time for gain  
 Time for joy and time for pain  
 Ev'ry purpose under heaven has a time.
4. There are times, there are days  
 Weeks and months we cannot understand God's ways  
 If for years we fail to scan  
 What is His eternal plan  
 We'll remember that he can, all the time.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. No man can live as an island.  
 Journeying through life alone  
 Since we're most loved by a mother  
 Jesus gave his own  
*Be with us, Mary, along the way.  
 Guide every step we take.  
 Lead us to Jesus, your loving Son.  
 Come with us, Mary, come.*
2. When Jesus met rejection,  
 Mary stood by the cross;  
 How can a mother desert her Son?  
 She'll also stand by us.
3. Help us, O star of the ocean,  
 Be with us in our strife,  
 When we are faced with temptation,  
 Tossed by the storms of life.

### PRAYER FOR THE NEW CHURCHES ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL - ABU DHABI

Oh merciful God, creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and honor, for the grace you have showered upon your people, of all nations and races, to come together in love and unity, to worship you in this place and to live in harmony.  
 Oh Lord, bless this nation and its rulers for having allowed us to build new structures to gather in your name. We humbly pray, grant us the material resources and expertise to build the new and worthy places of worship.  
 Lord, may these ventures be filled with the power of your Holy Spirit that nothing comes in the way of its fulfillment.  
 Lord, bless and protect all those whose generosity and hard work accompany the projects.  
 Mother Mary, warm the hearts of everyone involved in building a house to worship your son!  
 St. Joseph Patron of our Parish, Pray for us  
 Glory be.....