

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
2. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.



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!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
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

1. Take these gifts we offer, Lord,
 take these gifts we offer you.
 Take these gifts and help us, Lord,
 to see you more clearly.
2. Take this bread we offer, Lord,
 take this bread we offer you.
 Take this bread and help us, Lord,
 to love you more dearly.
3. Take this wine we offer, Lord,
 take this wine we offer you.
 Take this wine and help us, Lord,
 to follow you more nearly.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*I now no longer live, Christ, my Lord, lives in me,
 Christ for ever my joy. I will walk in His love.*

1. Christ in my mind, my life, my heart,
 Christ to the world with joy I must bring.
2. Christ on my right, my left, around,
 Christ to the world with joy I must bring.
3. Christ is my Way, my Peace, my Light,
 Christ to the world with joy I must bring

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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*New life! New life!  
 You came to bring us new life.  
 New life! New life!  
 We find such joy in your abundant life.*

1. You are the source of our great joy,  
 the fountain of all life.  
 You give us living water,  
 you bid us come and drink.  
 We come to you, we bless you, Lord,  
 we glorify your name!  
 We praise you, Lord, we worship you,  
 we thank you for your gift of new life!
2. You are the source of our new life;  
 in your Light we see light.  
 You show to us your goodness;  
 you bid us taste and see.  
 We come to you, we bless you, Lord,  
 we glorify your name!  
 We praise you, Lord, we worship you,  
 we thank you for your gift of new life!

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Alleluia, alleluia, Christ has risen from the dead  
 He has risen to die no more.*

1. At the dawn of Easter morning,  
 When the stone was rolled away;  
 Then from the darkness rose in glory,  
 Jesus Christ true risen light,  
 Bright'ning all the earth's dark night.
2. From the depths of weary bondage,  
 Man with God has risen too;  
 All eyes are opened from their blindness,  
 To the light of heavenly view,  
 And with Christ they rise anew.
3. Now the heart of every creature,  
 Fills with hope and gratitude;  
 They rise resplendent from their bondage,  
 For their Lord has set them free,  
 From the pow'r of death's decree.

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