

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## ENTRANCE HYMN *(tune: All glory, laud)*

1. Now, from heaven descending,  
is seen a glorious light,  
the Bride of Christ in splendour,  
arrayed in purest white.  
She is the holy City,  
whose radiance is the grace  
of all the saints in glory,  
from every time and place.
2. This is the hour of gladness  
for Bridegroom and for Bride;  
the Lamb's great feast is ready,  
his Bride is at his side.  
How blessed are those invited  
to share his wedding-feast:  
the least become the greatest,  
the greatest are the least.
3. He who is throned in heaven  
takes up his dwelling-place  
among his chosen people,  
who see him face to face.  
No sound is heard of weeping,  
for pain and sorrow cease,  
and sin shall reign no longer,  
but love and joy and peace.
4. See how a new creation  
is brought at last to birth,  
a new and glorious heaven,  
a new and glorious earth.  
Death's power for ever broken,  
its empire swept away,  
the promised dawn of glory  
begins its endless day.



## 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 14:21-27  
*They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to

believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans. The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144 : 8-13. R) cf. v. 1

### R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5  
*God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'. The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you." Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35  
*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will

