

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER – May 2, 2021

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PRE-MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTORY RITE:

Priest: The Lord be with you **All:** *And with your spirit*

PENITENTIAL RITE

All: 1. *Lord, have mercy.* 2. *Christ have mercy* 3. *Lord have mercy.*

GLORIA (sung by musician only)

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.

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm (spoken):

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

1. I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: “May your hearts live forever!” **R.**

2. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him. **R.** *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

3. To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust. **R.**

4. And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. **R.**

Second Reading: A reading from the first Letter of Saint John 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Verse (spoken; no Acclamation):

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All:** *And with your spirit.*

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: *Glory to you, O Lord*

Gospel: John 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord **All:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All:** *And with your spirit.*

Priest: Lift up your hearts. **All:** *We lift them up to the Lord*

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All:** *It is right and just.*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (spoken)

All: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (All kneel)*

EUCHARIST PRAYER

Priest: The mystery of Faith

All: (spoken) *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.*

COMMUNION RITE

Priest: (standing) At the Savior’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say...

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **All:** *And with your spirit.*

LAMB OF GOD (spoken)

All: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

(All KNEEL)

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

COMMUNION (After receiving Communion, please feel free to SIT or KNEEL)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: (ALL at home): My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL