

2 MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the
Father:

Lord, have mercy. *R. Lord, have mercy.*

You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth:

Christ, have mercy. *R. Christ, have mercy.*

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life:

Lord, have mercy. *R. Lord, have mercy.*

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA *all join in saying*

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.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

FIRST READING *from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 21 *all say the response R. after the Reader and
after each verse of the psalm*

R. You, Lord, are my praisie in the great assembly.

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.*

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.*

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 *from the first letter of St John 3:18-24*

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *all join in saying the Gospel
Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *all join in saying*

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 OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers in one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT MASS We have put in place some new measures to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. This may mean that Mass feels a little different to the way we are used to celebrating. Please read our guidelines below:

WHEN YOU ARRIVE You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward. You will be directed to the hand sanitizer.

All people entering church must wear a face covering at all times.

You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place. Any children accompanying you must do the same.

Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.

There will also be contactless donation points available for those wishing contribute via debit card.

Toilets will remain closed at all times except for a genuine emergency. The Gift Shop will be closed.

DURING MASS There will be no Sign of Peace. There will be no congregational singing.

HOLY COMMUNION Will be distributed after the final dismissal of the Mass.

The words "The Body of Christ" and the reply "Amen" will only be said once at the beginning of distribution. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.

The volunteer stewards will direct you to approach the altar to receive Holy Communion.

You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue.

Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.

You must then step to one side, lower your face covering and place the Sacred Host in your mouth then follow directions to leave the Cathedral immediately.

AFTER MASS Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.

Use only the designated exit.

Please do not gather in the Cathedral porch or on Cathedral property for conversations.

Continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where other people are.

If you are experiencing a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change of taste / smell please return home and consult your GP.

While we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.