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SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Thank God for all the new life around us in the world.



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.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

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...

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING ACTS 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas know from their own experience that it is not always easy living a life of faith, but they encourage everyone they meet on their missionary journey. Lots of people come to believe in Jesus because of them. They pray with everyone,

asking God to be with them and appoint elders to be in charge of the new communities when they leave. Then they return to Antioch, where they tell everyone about the many ways God has blessed them on their travels.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Paul and Barnabas put fresh heart into the disciples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 144

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.
Or Alleluia!

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING APOCALYPSE 21:1-5

God is making everything new. In John's vision, he sees a new heaven and a new earth. Life with God is more wonderful than anything we have imagined before. Life with God is even more wonderful than the most

beautiful wedding clothes anyone could choose to wear! There will be a time when no one will need to feel sad at all. God will wipe away all our tears and comfort us. When God is with us, all will be happiness!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God makes all creation new!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

"Eucharist" comes from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving". When we come to Mass we are thanking God for all our blessings. We thank God for coming to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and we thank God for coming to us in the love of all the people around us.



THINK

St John Chrysostom said, "Do not honour Jesus here in church clothed in silk vestments and then pass him by unclothed and frozen outside." It is impossible to follow Jesus and not do practical things to show our love for other people. What is your parish doing to help people in need?



GOSPEL JOHN 13:31-35

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Jesus knows he will not be able to stay with his friends for much longer. It is the last meal he will have with them, and Judas has already gone to betray him. Now is the time for Jesus to give his friends his last and most important message. Jesus gives his disciples

a new commandment: they are to love each other in the same way that Jesus loves them. Jesus shows us by example that love can be seen in the way we treat each other. When people see the love that Jesus' friends have for each other, they will see God.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"Love one another."

Help me, Jesus, to learn from your example and put other people first. Help me to put myself in their shoes, then I might find it easier to be loving and help. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is sad today. Help them to trust in your love and know that you will make all things new and wipe away their tears. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you were sad and then think about all the happy times you have enjoyed. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us. What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.

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.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and for coming to be with me in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Amen.



ΙΧΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

