

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021



## OPENING HYMN

I am the holy vine which God my Father tends.  
Each branch that bears no fruit my Father cuts away.  
Each fruitful branch He prunes with care  
To make it yield abundant fruit.

If you abide in me I will in you abide.  
Each branch to yield its fruit must with the vine be one.  
So you shall fail to yield your fruit  
If you are not with me one vine.

I am the fruitful vine and you my branches are.  
He who abides in me, I will in him abide.  
So shall you yield much fruit, but none  
If you remain apart from me.

## FIRST READING: Acts 9:26-31

*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

## PSALM RESPONSE:

**You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

*His commandments are these: that we believe in His Son and that we love one another.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

## GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*For those who are unable to attend Mass, and for those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, we pray a prayer of spiritual communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
And fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.