

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our Head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of
3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants What they ask of
4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, to - day; With your stead - fast lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; What they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear your serv - ants as they pray; And your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed in all its bright ar - ray.
 in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: *Angularis fundamentum*; 11th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; adapt. from an anthem of Henry Purcell, 1659–1695, by Ernest Hawkins, 1907–1868

Invocation and Kyrie

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

The 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.

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.

Reading 1 **ACTS 6:1-7**

As the number of disciples continued to grow,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews
because their widows
were being neglected in the daily distribution.
So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,
“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,
whom we shall appoint to this task,
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer

and to the ministry of the word.”

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

They presented these men to the apostles
who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly;
even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading 2
1 PT 2:4-9

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings
 but chosen and precious in the sight of God,
 and, like living stones,
 let yourselves be built into a spiritual house
 to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices
 acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it says in Scripture:

Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,
 a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
 and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone,
 and

A stone that will make people stumble,
 and a rock that will make them fall.

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
 a holy nation, a people of his own,
 so that you may announce the praises” of him
 who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
 no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John
Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going;

how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him,

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time

and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,

or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,

and will do greater ones than these,

because I am going to the Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Following the Gospel, spend some time reflecting on the readings, or listen to a homily from a Catholic priest or deacon that has been recorded for this purpose. Fr. Longenecker has provided a video homily [HERE](#).

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

[At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.]

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.

General Intercessions

God has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light, so that we might proclaim His glorious works. Let us therefore offer to Him our prayers in faith, hope and confidence.

for all bishops, priests and deacons: that they will be strengthened in their proclamation of the Gospel, and in their service to the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

for the leaders of nations: that they would promote justice, peace, and a culture of life throughout the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

for all Christians, especially those of our own parish: that they will hold fast to their faith in Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

for all mothers, and those who give motherly care: that God will bless and sustain them in their vocations, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

for those who are sick or who suffer from any affliction, especially those who suffer from the effects of the COVID 19 virus: that God will let His mercy rest on them and grant them His healing love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

for all the faithful departed who have hoped in the Father's love: that God will rescue their souls from death and grant them a dwelling place in His heavenly home, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you. Give us hearts that are not troubled, and increase our faith in the One who has gone to prepare a place for us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Our Father

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. 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.

Since receiving the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is not possible at this time, make a Spiritual Communion by using the following prayer:

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

Closing Collect

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.

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain (Unison)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

Verse (parts)

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod,
2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied tree,
3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

our King vic-to-ri-ous, Christ, the Son of God,
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died,
your death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly,
praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

to Refrain