

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FIRST READING: *Acts 6:1-7*

*This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Every day, more and more people were becoming disciples. Soon some of them—those who spoke Greek—complained to the apostles that some of the widows were not being taken care of and were not getting enough to eat. The apostles gathered the group of disciples together and said,

“Our main work is to preach the Word of God, and we can’t stop doing that to hand out food. So choose seven people from your group, and we will ask them to take care of the food and see that it is given to those who need it. These seven people must be very wise and must be filled with the Holy Spirit. They must be people who are respected by the others. While they are doing their work, we will spend our time in prayer and in the ministry of the Word.”

All the disciples liked this idea, and so they chose seven people. [Their names were Stephen (a man who had strong faith and was filled with the Holy Spirit), Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolaus.]

When they took these seven to the apostles, the apostles put their hands on them and prayed over them.

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 33*

Lord, be with us; with your love, be with us. All our hope is in you.

*Verses:*

1. For your faithful word and all you do, for your love we trust in you.
2. We are chosen, God, by you. Bless us, God, we trust in you.

*(Repeat Response after each Verse.)*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life.” Alleluia! Alleluia!

*(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)*

GOSPEL: *John 14:1-12*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of John.*

**J**esus said to his disciples,

“Don’t let your hearts be worried and upset.  
You already believe in God; believe in me, too.  
There are many rooms in my Father’s house.  
I am going now to prepare a place for you.  
But I will come back,  
and I will take you to be with me where I am.  
And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to Jesus,

“Lord, we don’t even know where you are going,  
so how can we know the way?”

Jesus said,

“I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life.  
Anyone who wants to come to the Father must come through me.”

[Then Philip said,

“Lord, show us the Father.”

Jesus said,

“Philip, anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.  
I am in the Father, and the Father is in me.  
You can believe me because you see the things that I do.  
And I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me  
will be able to do the things that I do,  
and even greater things than I do,  
because I am going to the Father.”]

*The Gospel of the Lord.*