

May 2, 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

Prelude on Christians Let Us Love One Another – Picardy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRAwATUfDW4>

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Introduction:

Good morning to all of you. Welcome to today’s Liturgy of the Word on this celebration of the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.

– pause –

We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today’s celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.

Today’s homily is offered by our Pastor, Fr. Jim Bleackley.

Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.

ONE Minute of Silence

Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.

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Entrance Chant:

Gathered in the Love of Christ – Marty Haugen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty0AkCWJbK0>

Greeting:

Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Penitential Act:

Leader: Sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear,
but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us
rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.
– *pause* –

Leader: Lord Jesus, you call us to be branches on the vine
that is you: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you call us to remain in this deep
relationship: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have promised that we will bear
much fruit: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Gloria:

Leader: Together let us sing praise to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOPkiFXjqII>

Collect:

Leader: Let us pray: *- pause -*

O God,

you graft us onto Christ, the true vine,

and, with tireless care,

you nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence.

Tend the vineyard of your Church,

that in Christ each branch may bring forth

to the glory of your name

abundant fruits of faith and love.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the

life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy

Spirit, God for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Leader: Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

*** Please see the document titled “Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-05-02-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

First Reading.....Acts 9.26-31

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:</i>	
Lector:	The word of the Lord.
ALL:	Thanks be to God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22

https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-114%20Fifth%20Sunday%20of%20Easter%20B%20-%20Psalm%2022.mp3?_ga=2.194123304.481161489.1619541855-1279089305.1591722439

Second Reading..... 1 John 3.18-24

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:</i>	
Lector:	The word of the Lord.
ALL:	Thanks be to God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

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Gospel Acclamation..... John 15.4, 5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B34sOeUMB5U>

RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.**

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel..... John 15.1-8

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily..... Fr. Jim Bleackley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXgc3ip3lok>

Profession of Faith:

**** Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

Leader: Let us profess our faith together:

ALL: 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.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: Let us bring our prayers before God.

**** See the PDF titled "Fifth Sunday of Easter 2021 – Prayers of the Faithful"*

****Response: **Loving God, hear our prayer.***

****Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:*

Leader: God, who reaches out to us in so many ways,
we are called again to live in and remain in a deep
relationship with your Son, the true vine.
Hear our prayers and strengthen our desire to
respond to his invitation, despite its demands.
We pray in the name of the One who calls us to bear
fruit, who lives for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

I am the Vine – John Michael Talbot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHr7Z7ZS3GE>

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

ALL: **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.**

Leader: Deliver us, God, from every evil.
Graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Sign of Peace:

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray:
God of love and compassion,
remain close to the people
you have enriched through your Word,
and grant that we may pass from our former ways
to new life in the risen Christ.
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

ALL: Amen

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CONCLUDING RITES:

Blessing:

Leader: May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader: Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

As a Fire is Meant for Burning – Ruth Duck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbRGO1S2S2Q>

POSTLUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

Te Deum - Charpentier

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbFj9B_POkw