

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING: *Acts 9:26-31*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul came to Jerusalem,
he wanted to join the disciples there, but they were afraid of him.
They didn't believe he had really become a follower of Jesus.
So, Barnabas took him and introduced him to the apostles.
He told them how Saul had seen the Lord
on his way to Damascus.
He told them that Jesus had spoken to Saul
and that now Saul really did believe in Jesus.
He also told the apostles
how bravely Saul was telling others about Jesus.
So Saul stayed with them in Jerusalem
and preached with great power in the name of Jesus.

Because of Saul's preaching,
some of the people tried to kill him.
When the disciples heard that Saul was in danger,
they took him down to Caesarea
and sent him by boat to a city called Tarsus.

With the help of the Holy Spirit,
more and more people came to believe in the Lord
and to follow his ways.

This is the Word of God.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 134*

Come and bless the Lord, all who serve the Lord.

Verses:

1. All who stand in the House of God.
2. Lift your hands to the Holy Place.
3. Praise our God who made heaven and earth.
4. May God bless you for all your days.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“I am the vine, you are the branches.
You live in me and I live in you.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“You live in me and I live in you.”

GOSPEL: *John 15:5-8*

This is a reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said,

I am the vine
and you are the branches.
When you are a part of me
and I am living in you,
you will do great things for God.
But if you are cut off from me,
you can do nothing.
All those who do not stay part of me
are like dried up branches
that can only be gathered up and burned.
But if you are a part of me
and you live by my words,
you may ask for whatever you want,
and it will be done for you.
When you do good deeds
you show that you are my disciples
and you give honor and glory to God.

This is the Good News of the Lord.