

Affirmation Prayer...

The Lord is good and upright: come, let us adore, alleluia!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn **Meter: 77 77 77**

Hail, the long-awaited Son!
Lord of all the realm to come.
Deaf and blind and lame are healed,
And God's Kingdom is revealed.
"Where, O Master, do you stay?"
"Come and see," we hear him say.
Let us go to where he stays,
Hear his words and learn his ways,
Leaving all we'd known before
By the Jordan River's shore;
Ancient roads and deepest sea—
Let us follow heedfully.
Peace shall follow in his wake,
Peace that all the stars did make.
Peace he bought us with his blood,
Life's dear fountain, saving flood.
Peace he breathed upon his own,
Rising to the Father's throne.
Jesus, David's righteous heir,
King of justice, kind and fair,
Lead your flock to pastures green
By the ever-flowing stream,
There the three-fold Name to praise
Unto everlasting days.

Psalm **25:4-9, 12-14**

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.* (Jn 13:34)

Jesus lives the way of love, which he teaches to his disciples as the great commandment for Christian life.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my savior.
In you I hope all day long
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me.
The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.
If anyone fears the Lord
he will show him the path he should choose.
His soul shall live in happiness
and his children shall possess the land.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. (Jn 15:10)

Canticle of Zechariah

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (Jn 13:35)

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Intercessions

God is love; to Christ we pray:

R/ Show us the path we should choose!

You are the way: lead us in your ways today and throughout the coming week. **R/**

You are the truth: let truth be our guide in every conversation. **R/**

You are the life: teach us to live according to your love **R/**

Personal intentions

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.

God of mercy and of truth, you sent your only Son to lead us on the way to fullness of life. Through the mystery of his Death and Resurrection, transform our hearts from disobedience to discipleship, and from self-centeredness to love, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Reading 2

Revelation 21:1-5a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

All: St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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