

Lectionary

You are invited to follow the first two readings while seated, and as is the custom, to just listen, standing if possible, as the Holy Gospel is proclaimed.

Midweek 6th May 2026 Easter 5

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put
into our minds good desires, so by your continual
help we may bring them to good effect; through
Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading: Acts 15:1-6

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'

And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, 'It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.'

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second reading: Psalm 122:1-5

1. I was glad when they said to me, • 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
2. And now our feet are standing • within your gates, O Jerusalem;
3. Jerusalem, built as a city • that is at unity in itself.
4. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the

Lord, • as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5. For there are set the thrones of judgement, • the thrones of the house of David.

This is the word of the Lord,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

