

5th Sunday of Easter

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52

The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered together to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted what was spoken by Paul, and reviled him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.'" ⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 145:1-9
Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *

- and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
 - 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
 - 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
 - 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
 - 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
 - 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;*
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
 - 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
 - 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation 19:1, 4-9

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for his judgments are true and just; he has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants." ³ Once more they cried, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." ⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" ⁵ And from the throne came a voice crying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." ⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder peals, crying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" -- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this:

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; ³² if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."