

Northern Mission



**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A**

10 MAY 2020

Opening Prayer

*God of "many rooms",
Awaken our hearts to your enormity,
That we too might embrace our world
With courage and open-mindedness.
Amen.*

First Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,

to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

Alleluia!



Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?
'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

Please now listen to Father Peter as he breaks open the Word for us:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHjz0U4IGqo&t=4s>

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all our mothers, grandmothers and Carers who take the role of mothering, that they may feel the love of their families this Mothers' Day and always. In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our students and teachers, that they adapt well to the new online learning and staggered school days. In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, especially Celia Roach, Glen Dixon, Margaret Sinclair, Kathleen Brown, Mark Sissian and Mick Fanning: that healing and comfort may gently embrace them. In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died may be received into the living arms of our God. In faith we pray;

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Final Prayer

*God of "many rooms",
May Your Way, Your Truth, Your Life
Shape us.
Amen.*