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"Make me a channel of your peace." —St. Francis

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May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Niech Bedze pochwalony
Jezus Chrystus.

**R/. Na wieki, wiekow
Amen.**

Let Jesus Christ be praised.
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Christ Is Risen"

9:00 AM - Mass Book pg 63

READING I - Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 22; 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32

R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord. The lowly shall eat their fill; They who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your hearts be ever merry!"

R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R/ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

READING II - I John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Priest or Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R/Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest or Lector: Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R./ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

COMMUNION HYMN - "The Servant Song"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen HOLDING THE CUP

We all must hold the cups of our lives. As we grow older and become more fully aware of the many sorrows of life - personal failures, family conflicts, disappointments in work and social life, and the many pains surrounding us on the national and international scene - everything within and around us conspires to make us ignore, avoid, suppress, or simply deny these sorrows. "Look at the sunny side of life and make the best of it," we say to ourselves and hear others say to us. But when we want to drink the cups of our lives, we need first to hold them, to fully acknowledge what we are living, trusting that by not avoiding but befriending our sorrows we will discover the true joy we are looking for right in the midst of our sorrows.

A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

There's a little bit of Heaven
in every kind deed we do.
Helping those in trouble, God,
brings happiness to You.
Your commands to us are clear;
We are to do Your work on earth
by helping those in need
find their goodness and their worth.
When storm clouds hover over them
and their sorrows cannot be denied,
we must help them find the sunshine
And the rainbows in the sky.
I pray they climb from deep depression
and renew their strength and grace.
May they always feel Your presence, Lord,
and their fears all be erased.

~Shirley Hile Powell

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice A MOTHER'S LOVE

When we think of our mothers, we draw nearer to God above, for only God in His greatness could fashion a mother's love.

"My son, Keep your father's commands and do not forsake, your mother's teaching." Proverbs 6:20

Today pay tribute to your mother. Her love touched your life and will continue to influence you forever!

WHERE IS GOD?

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits' end as to what to do about their sons' behavior.

The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman. The husband, said, "we might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!" The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually.

The 8-year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?"

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran straight home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and said, "What happened?"

The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it."

—J. John and Mark Stibbe

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

Health Needs: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Dennis Erb, Rosemary Rosen, Jay Lasker, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Joan Paczkoski, Dominick Ocello, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jessica Arrubla, Elaine Bode, Nicholas Navarino, Emily Smith, Carol Renta & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions for faithfully departed:

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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