

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Prayer for the Morning**

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

Glory to the Father...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.

**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.

Glory to the Father

**Word of God** **Mark 12:28-31**

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)

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.

Glory to the Father...

## Intercessions

God is love; to Christ we pray:

**R/**Show us the path we should choose!

You are the way: – lead us in your **R/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**

**Our Father....**

*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.*

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## Reading 1      Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

## Reading 2

Revelation 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

## Gospel      John 1 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

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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