

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28—29, 2018



## SERVICE OUTLINE (Div. Serv IV w/c pg 203)

**INTROIT** *Ps. 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;\*  
**and again a little while, and you will | see me.**  
I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
**and bless your name forever and | ever.**  
Every day I will | bless you\*  
**and praise your name forever and | ever.**  
The Lord is gracious and | merciful,\*  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**  
All your works shall give thanks to you, | O Lord,\*  
**and all your saints shall | bless you!**  
My mouth will speak the praise | of the Lord,\*  
**and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;\*  
**and again a little while, and you will | see me.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*  
**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,**  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

### DAILY READINGS

**April 29:** Lev. 20:1–16, 22–27; Luke 11:37–54; **30:** Lev. 21:1–24; Luke 12:1–12; **May 1:** Lev. 23:1–22; Luke 12:13–34; **2:** Lev. 23:23–44; Luke 12:35–53; **3:** Lev. 24:1–23; Luke 12:54–13:17; **4:** Lev. 26:1–20; Luke 13:18–35; **5:** Lev. 26:21–33, 39–44; Luke 14:1–24.

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## ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

### **First Reading: Acts 8:26–40**

26An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. 27And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” 30So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” 34And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” 38And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **Epistle: 1 John 4:1–11**

1Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2By this

you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the anti-christ, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### **Holy Gospel: John 15:1–8**

1[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”