

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 27-28, 2024

Welcome to the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

## Gathering Song

*Sing a New Song #607*

### Refrain

*Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.*

*Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.*

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord.  
And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives.

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## Sprinkling Rite

### SWEET REFRESHMENT

Words and music  
by Bob Moore

The musical score for 'Sweet Refreshment' is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features two parts: Cantor and All. The lyrics are: 'Come to the wa - ter. Come to the wa - ter. Drink of it free - ly. Drink of it free - ly. Taste God's own Spir - it. Taste God's own Spir - it. Sweet re - fresh - ment. Sweet re - fresh - ment.' The score consists of five staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second for the All. The third staff is for the Cantor and the fourth for the All. The fifth staff is for the All. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cantor All  
Come to the wa - ter. Come to the wa - ter.  
Cantor All  
Drink of it free - ly. Drink of it free - ly.  
Cantor All  
Taste God's own Spir - it. Taste God's own  
Cantor  
Spir - it. Sweet re - fresh - ment.  
All  
Sweet re - fresh - ment.

## Glory to God

Refrain

Gló-ri-a! Gló-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on

earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will.

## Collect

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### 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.***

#### Reading II

**1 Jn 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.

#### Gospel

**Jn 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."

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father; through him all things were  
made. For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

***(bow for the next two lines)***

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

**OR**

### **APOSTLES' CREED\***

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*\*The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but **the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time**. The words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter focus strongly on baptism.*

## Universal Prayer

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

#### *Make Your Home in Me #324 Spirit and Song*

1. Every fox, a den; every bird, a nest; but the Son of Man has no place to rest.  
Every heart, a man; every king, a throne; but the Word Made Flesh, no earthly home.

#### Refrain

***Your burden's light and your yoke is easy. Your name is love and your grace is free.  
My heart was locked but you had the key. Make your home in me, make your home in me.***

2. Lord, you come to me in your homelessness;  
burning in your eyes, such a great distress.  
Who will heal your wounds? Who will make your bed?  
I will comfort you, I will share my bread.

#### Bridge

Where there is love, there is no fear.  
So, make your home and residence here.  
I'm so alive when you are near,  
so, make your home in me.

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#### Prayer Response

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our  
good and the good of all his holy Church.

### Eucharistic Acclamations

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

#### Memorial Acclamation

*When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*

## **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Sign of Peace**

## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## **Prayer before Communion**

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

### *Taste and See #930*

***Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

***O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.***

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.
3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

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## **Sending**

### *All the Ends of the Earth #604*

***All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.***

***For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.***

1. Break into song at the deeds of the Lord, the wonders he has done in ev'ry age.
2. Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might; ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call him Lord.

3. The Lord has made salvation known, faithful to the promises of old.  
Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds make music before our King!

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