

54 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 14.21b-27

They called the church together and related all that God had done with them.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 21 Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra,
then on to Iconium and Antioch.
- 22 There they strengthened the souls of the disciples
and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying,
“It is through many persecutions
that we must enter the kingdom of God.”
- 23 And after they had appointed elders for them in each church,
with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord
in whom they had come to believe.
- 24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.
- 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga,
they went down to Attalia.
- 26 From there they sailed back to Antioch,
where they had been commended to the grace of God
for the work that they had completed.
- 27 When they arrived, they called the church together
and related all that God had done with them,
and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145.8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (R.1)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**
- 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power. **R.**

- 12 To make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations. **R.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21.1-5a

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- 1 Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”
5 And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 13.34

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

John 13.1,31-33a, 34-35++

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 1 Before the festival of the Passover,
Jesus knew that his hour had come
to depart from this world and go to the Father.
Having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.
- 31 During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said,
“Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and God has been glorified in him.
- 32 If God has been glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself
and will glorify him at once.
- 33 “Little children, I am with you only a little longer.
- 34 I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
- 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.