

**May 10, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**



**FIRST READING**

Acts 6:1–7a

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**A** lot of people were becoming followers of the Lord.  
But some of the ones who spoke Greek started complaining  
about the ones who spoke Aramaic.  
They complained that the Greek-speaking widows  
were not given their share  
when the food supplies were handed out each day.

The twelve apostles called the whole group of followers together  
and said,

“We should not give up preaching God’s message  
in order to serve at tables.

My friends, choose seven men who are respected and wise  
and filled with God’s Spirit.

We will put them in charge of these things.

We can spend our time praying and serving God by preaching.”

This suggestion pleased everyone,  
and they began by choosing Stephen.

He had great faith and was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then they chose Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,  
and also Nicolaus,

who worshiped with the Jewish people in Antioch.

These men were brought to the apostles.

Then the apostles prayed and placed their hands on the men  
to show that they had been chosen to do this work.

God’s message spread,  
and many more people in Jerusalem became followers.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 145:10–11, 15–16,  
17–18*

**All:** *You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you answer all our needs.*

*All creation will thank you,  
and your loyal people will praise you.  
They will tell about  
your marvelous kingdom and your power.*

**All:** *You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you answer all our needs.*

*Everyone depends on you,  
and when the time is right,  
you provide them with food.  
By your own hand you satisfy  
the desires of all who live.*

**All:** *You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you answer all our needs.*

*Our LORD, everything you done  
is kind and thoughtful,  
and you are near to everyone  
whose prayers are sincere.*

**All:** *You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you answer all our needs.*

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**GOSPEL**  
John 14:1–12

**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Don’t be worried!  
Have faith in God and have faith in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father’s house.  
I wouldn’t tell you this, unless it was true.  
I am going there to prepare a place for each of you.  
After I have done this,  
    I will come back and take you with me.  
Then we will be together.  
You know the way to where I am going.”

Thomas said, “Lord, we don’t even know where you are going!  
How can we know the way?”

“I am the way, the truth, and the life!” Jesus answered.  
“Without me, no one can go to the Father.  
If you had known me,  
    you would have known the Father.  
But from now on, you do know him,  
    and you have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father.  
That is all we need.”

Jesus replied:  
“Philip, I have been with you for a long time.  
Don’t you know who I am?  
If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.  
How can you ask me to show you the Father?  
Don’t you believe that I am one with the Father  
    and that the Father is one with me?  
What I say is not said on my own.  
The Father who lives in me does these things.

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**GOSPEL**  
John 14:1–12

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"Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me  
and that I am one with the Father.  
Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do.

"I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me,  
you will do the same things that I am doing.  
You will do even greater things,  
now that I am going back to the Father."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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