



## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 3, 2026**

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Thanks for being here.

There is a story about Albert Einstein. Einstein was born in Germany and became an American citizen in 1940 as he watched Hitler come to power in Germany. He was a brilliant physicist and famous for the theory of relativity. So, a very bright man.

But the story is about him being on a trip on a railroad train. He was preoccupied with his reading when the conductor came to him to punch his ticket. The great scientist began searching for the ticket in his pockets and his briefcase but could not find his ticket. "That's okay," the conductor told him, "We all know who you are, Dr. Einstein. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it." The conductor went on his way to punch other tickets. Then he turned and saw Einstein on the floor looking for the ticket. The conductor felt sorry for him and walked back and gently said, "Dr. Einstein please don't worry about it. I know who you are." Einstein looked up and said, "I know who I am too, what I don't know is where I am going."

The gospel for this weekend is often chosen for a funeral of a loved one. As Jesus addresses the apostles, he also speaks comfort to the family whose loved one died: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

What is it we are to believe? We are to believe in Jesus' resurrection and our own. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. I will come back again and take you to myself."

Thomas, the apostle, kindly asks the question that we would ask. "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way."

Jesus tells him and us that he is the way.

Our ticket has been punched for our trip to that place; heaven. We know who we are and where we are going.

The key is to live in that manner, as it is a gift we have not earned, but are called to share.

Not always easy, because we can't prove the resurrection. The theory of relativity doesn't fall into that category.

That's why Jesus told us, "You have faith in God, have faith also in me."

We believe in Jesus' words and his resurrection that the apostles witnessed and told us about with their lives.

Resurrection is to be lived now by us.

One way we do that is what we are doing now; praying together.

And for our first communicants, receiving the Eucharist reminds you every time you receive the Lord, your ticket is punched to heaven as well. Now the Lord helps you through communion to live that truth.

We congratulate you.

Prayer: Bringing Home the Word.