

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C

# Season of Easter

### *First Reading † Acts 14:21-27*

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

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

Having proclaimed the good news in that town and made a considerable number of disciples, Paul and Barnabas went back to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith, saying,

‘It is through many trials that we must enter the kingdom of God.’

In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.

Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the gentiles. They stayed there with the disciples for some time.

The word of the Lord.

### *Responsorial † Psalm 144:8-13*

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

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

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

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds,  
to make known your might to the children of Adam,  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

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

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule endures for all generations.

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

*Second Reading † Revelation 21:1-5*

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

And I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying,

‘Look, here God lives among human beings. He will make his home among them; they will be his people, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; death will be no more, and sadness and crying and pain will be no more. The first things have passed away.’

And the One sitting on the throne spoke.

‘Look, I am making everything new.  
Write this, “These words are trustworthy and true.”’

The word of the Lord.

*Gospel Acclamation † John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Gospel † John 13:31-35*

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

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

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of man been glorified,  
and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him,  
God will glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him at once.

Little children,  
yet a little while I am with you.

You will look for me,  
and, as I told the Jews,  
and I now say to you,  
where I am going  
you cannot come.

I give you a new commandment:  
that you love one another;  
you also must love one another  
just as I have loved you.

By this everyone will know that  
you are my disciples  
if you have love for one another.’

The Gospel of the Lord.