

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 26-27,28, 30,31-32
Second Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24
Gospel John 15: 1-8

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

Dear Jesus: You promised that You would never leave us or forsake us, as You send us out into the world to spread Your Word, and that you would equip us with all the gifts we need to share Your Gospel. Please help me to know what You have given me to use for You, and grace in my heart to gladly serve in Your Kingdom. Give me a heart for others and help me to help them come to know You. Amen.

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, WOG channel, 1: 32 min)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Holy Heroes channel, 1:31 min)

2. PRAY

In the second reading, the apostle John reminds us that if we truly live by the word of Jesus, we could ask for whatever we want, and it will be done for us. Sometimes we pray for things we want personally, we pray for the needs of others, and for those we don't know but deserve the promises of God.

Listen to the following song by clicking [here](#) (YouTube, channel servantofthelion, 3:04 min). As you listen, ask Jesus where you are called to be of service to others. Is there a special situation in your life where this is true?

Close this time of prayer by reciting together: A Servant's Heart (By C.S. Lewis Institute).

3. TALK

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us he is the true vine, the source of life that provides nourishment for our spirits. We as disciples are the branches that cannot stand alone and must witness with our actions the message of Jesus. The more we witness the faith to others, the more God will help us to love others like Jesus. This is not an easy task! It is only possible if we remain in Jesus. How do we remain in Jesus? Take a moment to think about this. We hear Jesus say, "without me you can do nothing". Pair with another person and share ways in which you rely on the words of Jesus for inspiration to find ways to serve others. *Optional: if you have small children, have them draw or paint their answer.* Share with the group your answers, or any art that was created.

Challenge of the week: write down 3 acts of service you can perform for someone close to you, such as a family member, a friend, a neighbor, etc.



