

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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**First Reading:** Acts 14:21-27  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:1-5a  
**Gospel:** John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

## 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 Visulaword, 1:04min)

The children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, The Salvation Army 1:28 min)

## 2. PRAY

Gather the family in a suitable space for prayer and reflection. If possible, place a symbol or image in the center: Holy Scripture, an image of Christ, a cross or the Virgin Mary, etc. Prayer is an encounter of friendship and trust with God. Close your eyes for a moment, open your heart and imagine Jesus sitting exactly next to you and saying to everyone the same words of the Gospel "love one another, just as I have loved you and will always love you".

Imagine and contemplate the very voice of Jesus echoing in the air and within you. What feeling comes to you? Acknowledge and embrace your emotion, pain, peace, worry, hope or gratitude. From within yourself give thanks to God for the gift of faith, for your parents and for your community; ask forgiveness for that which does not leave you at peace.

Accept God's forgiveness deeply. As you experience God's love and forgiveness, what fills your heart?

## 3. TALK

St. Luke's proverb (6:45) "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" can lead us to a beautiful family conversation today. Share wholeheartedly and listen to others with the same respect and attention. As I listened to the gospel and prayed within myself, how did I feel, how do I feel right now? The most important thing is to share and listen sincerely to everyone. The person who guides this conversation, make sure that everyone participates, voluntarily.

At the end of let us pray together the following prayer: God our Father, you who make all things new in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ, renew our hearts and our friendship so that your love may be visible among us every day. Holy Spirit, transforming power, keep our faith and friendship alive. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

(Make a personal silent resolution on this: "In his love others will recognize that they are my disciples")

