

MONDAY

MAY 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

[**St. John I**, *pope & martyr (d. 526)*]

Born in Tuscany, he became pope in 523. Italy was then ruled by Theodoric the Goth, an Arian, who was angry at the emperor Justin I in Constantinople for persecuting Arians. Theodoric sent John to persuade Justin I to end the persecutions. When John returned, although Justin I had accepted most of Theodoric's demands, Theodoric was not satisfied and imprisoned John, who died soon after, likely due to ill treatment. Like him, may we be willing to suffer to bring Christ to others. ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (*Romans 6:9*)

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.

COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God,
that we may experience
at all times
the fruit produced by the
paschal observances.
Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

READING (*Acts 16:11-15*)

We set sail from Troas, making a straight run for Samothrace, and on the next day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, a leading city in that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We spent some time in that city. On the sabbath we went outside the city gate along the river where we thought there would be a place of prayer. We sat and spoke with the women who had gathered

there. One of them, a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, from the city of Thyatira, a worshiper of God, listened, and the Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what Paul was saying. After she and her household had been baptized, she offered us an invitation, “If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my home,” and she prevailed on us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b)

**R: The Lord takes delight
in his people. OR Alleluia.**

Sing to the LORD a new song
of praise in the assembly
of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in
their maker,
let the children of Zion
rejoice in their king. **R**

Let them praise his name
in the festive dance,
let them sing praise
to him with timbrel

and harp.
For the LORD loves
his people,
and he adorns the lowly
with victory. **R**
Let the faithful
exult in glory;
let them sing for joy
upon their couches.
Let the high praises of God
be in their throats.
This is the glory of all
his faithful. Alleluia. **R**

ALLELUIA *(John 15:26b, 27a)*

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord, and you also will testify. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL *(John 15:26–16:4a)*

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify,

because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you.”

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Good News

I'm up a lot at night feeding my baby. What fascinates me is how absolutely quiet it is, not just in the house, but outside too. It's so quiet that when a train passes on tracks two miles away, it sounds as if it's in our backyard. I'd say we live in a quiet neighborhood, but there must be noise all the time because at night it's so quiet. When we pray, we may be convinced we're listening to God, but are we? Or is there a chance that we've just grown so accustomed to the continual drone that we don't even know it's there, muffling and distorting God's voice that we're so confident we hear, only to be startled when it rushes by us like a train in a very silent night, unfamiliar, yet at last unmistakable, so that we must, like Lydia, open our hearts and pay attention? **AMY WELBORN**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(John 20:19)

Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness
upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased
to renew by eternal
mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory
of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

● **What do I most want the Holy Spirit to help me with?**

Jesus, send your Spirit so that...

TUESDAY MAY 19

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Revelation 19:7, 6)

Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty and merciful God,
that we may in truth receive a share
in the Resurrection
of Christ your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READING *(Acts 16:22-34)*

The crowd in Philippi joined in the attack on Paul and Silas, and the magistrates had them