

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(John 20:19)*

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

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## 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

EASTER WEEKDAY

## 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.

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## 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.**

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## READING *(Acts 16:22-34)*

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

stripped and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After inflicting many blows on them, they threw them into prison and instructed the jailer to guard them securely. When he received these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and secured their feet to a stake.

About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the prisoners listened, there was suddenly such a severe earthquake that the foundations of the jail shook; all the doors flew open, and the chains of all were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted out in a loud voice, “Do no harm to yourself; we are all here.” He asked for a

light and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved.” So they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his house. He took them in at that hour of the night and bathed their wounds; then he and all his family were baptized at once. He brought them up into his house and provided a meal and with his household rejoiced at having come to faith in God.

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#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*(Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8)*

**R: Your right hand saves me,  
O Lord. OR Alleluia.**

I will give thanks to you,  
O LORD, with all  
my heart,  
for you have heard

the words of my mouth;  
in the presence  
of the angels I will  
sing your praise;  
I will worship at your  
holy temple,  
and give thanks  
to your name.  
**R. Your right hand saves me,  
O Lord. OR Alleluia.**  
Because of your kindness  
and your truth,  
you have made great  
above all things  
your name and  
your promise.  
When I called,  
you answered me;  
you built up strength  
within me. **R.**  
Your right hand saves me.  
The LORD will complete  
what he has done for me;  
your kindness, O LORD,  
endures forever;  
forsake not the work  
of your hands. **R.**

**ALLELUIA** (See John 16:7, 13)

**Alleluia, alleluia.** I will send to you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; he will guide you to all truth. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** (John 16:5-11)

**J**esus said to his disciples: “Now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.”

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
 that we may always find  
 delight in these paschal  
 mysteries,  
 so that the renewal constantly  
 at work within us  
 may be the cause of our  
 unending joy.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*(Cf. Luke 24:46, 26)*

The Christ had to suffer and  
 rise from the dead, and so  
 enter into his glory, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Hear, O Lord, our prayers,  
 that this most holy exchange,  
 by which you have redeemed  
 us,

**Today's Good News**

Paul and Silas are unjustly imprisoned, and the jailer is warned to guard them securely. Although the prisoners are staked in an inside cell where escape seems impossible, an earthquake throws open the doors of the prison. The jailer assumes the prisoners have escaped and is about to kill himself, presumably to avoid torture, when Paul shouts that all the prisoners have remained. The jailer's immediate response is conversion. Paul had mercy on the jailer, and mercy is a powerful weapon for good. When mercy is recognized and accepted, the recipient may be moved to a radically different life. Mercy makes clear that our life is not a sum of what we are missing, but of what we have been given. The recognition of mercy inspires gratitude and a desire to pay it forward. Sadly, we often don't recognize the mercy offered to us—from God, from those who love us, and even from those we casually encounter each day. Mercy abounds! **PAIGE BYRNE SHORTAL**

may bring your help  
in this present life  
and ensure for us eternal  
gladness.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus, though absent in his human form, will be with us through the Holy Spirit.

● **When have I felt sad because Jesus seemed so far away?**  
*Jesus, be with me today so that...*

« **The name  
of Jesus feeds  
and revives those  
who are famished  
and spiritually  
hungry.** »

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

## WEDNESDAY MAY 20

EASTER WEEKDAY

[ **St. Bernardine of Siena**,  
*priest (1380-1444)* ] A child of a noble family, Bernardine was orphaned at age six and raised by loving relatives who provided him with an excellent education. During an outbreak of the plague, he ministered to the sick, inspiring other young men to take the same risk. He entered the Franciscans and was ordained. Commissioned to preach, he won converts all over Italy thanks to his intelligence, eloquence, and understanding of the needs of his listeners. Having refused several bishoprics, he became vicar general of the Franciscans, instigated reforms, and inspired vocations. May we follow his example by always putting God first in our lives. ●