

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. ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*(Cf. Psalm 18 [17]:50; 22 [21]:23)*

I will praise you, Lord, among
the nations; I will tell of your
name to my kin, alleluia.

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as we celebrate in
mystery
the solemnities of your Son's
Resurrection,
so, too, we may be worthy
to rejoice at his coming with
all the Saints.
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 17:15, 22–18:1)*

After Paul's escorts had taken
him to Athens, they came away
with instructions for Silas and
Timothy to join him as soon

as possible.

Then Paul stood up at the
Areopagus and said: "You
Athenians, I see that in every
respect you are very religious.
For as I walked around looking
carefully at your shrines, I even
discovered an altar inscribed,
'To an Unknown God.' What
therefore you unknowingly
worship, I proclaim to you.
The God who made the world
and all that is in it, the Lord
of heaven and earth, does not
dwell in sanctuaries made by
human hands, nor is he served
by human hands because he
needs anything. Rather it is
he who gives to everyone life
and breath and everything.
He made from one the whole
human race to dwell on the
entire surface of the earth, and
he fixed the ordered seasons
and the boundaries of their
regions, so that people might
seek God, even perhaps grope
for him and find him, though

indeed he is not far from any one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being,’ as even some of your poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since therefore we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divinity is like an image fashioned from gold, silver, or stone by human art and imagination. God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent because he has established a day on which he will ‘judge the world with justice’ through a man he has appointed, and he has provided confirmation for all by raising him from the dead.”

When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, “We should like to hear you on this some other time.” And so Paul left them. But some did join him, and became

believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the Court of the Areopagus, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

After this he left Athens and went to Corinth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14)

R *Heaven and earth are full of your glory. OR Alleluia.*

Praise the LORD from
the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all you
his hosts. **R**
Let the kings of the earth
and all peoples,
the princes and all
the judges of the earth,
Young men too, and maidens,
old men and boys. **R**
Praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone
is exalted;
His majesty is above earth

and heaven. *R*
 He has lifted up the horn
 of his people;
 Be this his praise from all his
 faithful ones,
 from the children of Israel,
 the people close to him.
 Alleluia. *R*

ALLELUIA (*John 14:16*)

Alleluia, alleluia. I will ask the

Father and he will give you
 another Advocate to be with
 you always. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL (*John 16:12-15*)

Jesus said to his disciples:
 “I have much more to tell
 you, but you cannot bear
 it now. But when he comes,
 the Spirit of truth, he will
 guide you to all truth. He will

Today's Good News

“What therefore you unknowingly worship, I proclaim to you”

(Acts 17:2). » If we're honest, we can admit that we're no less susceptible to the pull of idols than were those to whom Paul preached one afternoon in Athens. We collect them, we strive for them, and we beg: “Give us peace; don't fail; sustain us in darkness; assure us that we're valued; love us always, no matter what.” We demand all of this from the humanly wrought angles and shine of our toys, the coolly buzzing machines, the promotions, the vacations, even the delicate weave of relationships. We insist, beyond all rationality, that these things of this world bear infinite weight. All of this, yes, but we are also like the Athenians in knowing that there is more: a God who sustains it all. Like them, too, we are doubtful when the evidence—a man risen from the dead—is offered. *Lord, help me see that my restlessness in this world is really a yearning for you.* **AMY WELBORN**

not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Cf. John 15:16, 19)

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus promises the assistance of the Spirit of truth.

● **What truth do I most need to confront today?**

Jesus, send your Spirit of truth so that...