

# SATURDAY

## MAY 30

EASTER WEEKDAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *(Acts 1:14)*

The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and his brethren, alleluia.

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### COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who have celebrated the paschal festivities, may by your gift hold fast to them in the way that we live our lives. 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.**

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### READING *(Acts 28:16-20, 30-31)*

When he entered Rome, Paul

was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

Three days later he called together the leaders of the Jews. When they had gathered he said to them, “My brothers, although I had done nothing against our people or our ancestral customs, I was handed over to the Romans as a prisoner from Jerusalem. After trying my case the Romans wanted to release me, because they found nothing against me deserving the death penalty. But when the Jews objected, I was obliged to appeal to Caesar, even though I had no accusation to make against my own nation. This is the reason, then, I have requested to see you and to speak with you, for it is on account of the hope of Israel that I wear these chains.”

He remained for two full years in his lodgings. He

received all who came to him, and with complete assurance and without hindrance he proclaimed the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 11:4, 5, 7)

**R. The just will gaze on your face, O Lord. OR Alleluia.**

The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD's throne is in heaven.  
His eyes behold,  
his searching glance is on mankind. **R.**  
The LORD searches the just and the wicked;  
the lover of violence he hates.  
For the LORD is just,  
he loves just deeds;  
the upright shall see his face. **R.**

**ALLELUIA** (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 21:20-25)

**P**eter turned and saw the disciple following whom Jesus loved, the one who had also reclined upon his chest during the supper and had said, "Master, who is the one who will betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours? You follow me." So the word spread among the brothers that that disciple would not die. But Jesus had not told him that he would not die, just "What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours?"

It is this disciple who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the Holy Spirit coming near, we pray, O Lord, prepare our minds for the divine Sacrament, since the Spirit himself is the remission of all sins. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Today's Good News**

Christ's promise to send his Spirit takes us from Easter to the events of Pentecost. It forms a bridge between the two great feasts. The Holy Spirit comes constantly to the disciples of Christ as the comforter sent by the Father. He comes as the Spirit of truth to bear witness on behalf of Christ who sends him from the Father.

The mission of the Holy Spirit is linked to that of the Son. On the one hand, he prepares the whole messianic mission of Christ and ushers in a new beginning. The Holy Spirit comes to us because of the cross and resurrection. His witness leads us into the mystery of God as the Blessed Trinity. It leads into an appreciation of the economy of our salvation. Due to this witness, we know that God is love. We know that God has performed a mighty work of love that has changed the course of human history. **POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II (*Draw Near to God*)**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON***(John 16:14)*

The Holy Spirit will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine and declare it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Hear in your compassion our prayers, O Lord, that, as we have been brought from things of the past to new mysteries, so, with former ways left behind,

we may be made new in holiness of mind. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.****RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Peter seems jealous that others also have special relationships with Christ.

- **What jealousies take the focus off of my own relationship with Christ?**

*Jesus, help me to...*

« Strive by your thinking, as well as by your praying, to fulfill in your daily life what you say with your lips in church; and **make the Holy Spirit who speaks through your lips be glad to dwell in your heart. Our words and our lives should be in agreement.** »

**ST. CAESARIUS OF ARLES**