

# WEDNESDAY

## MAY 6

EASTER WEEKDAY

### 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

O God, life of the faithful,  
glory of the humble,  
blessedness of the just,  
listen kindly to the prayers  
of those who call on you,  
that they who thirst for what  
you generously promise  
may always have their fill  
of your plenty.  
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 12:24–13:5a)*

The word of God continued to spread and grow.

After Barnabas and Saul completed their relief mission, they returned to Jerusalem, taking with them John, who is called Mark.

Now there were in the Church at Antioch prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who was a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then, completing their fasting and prayer, they laid hands on them and sent them off.

So they, sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and from there sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived

in Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8)

**R: O God, let all the nations praise you! OR Alleluia.**

May God have pity on us  
and bless us;  
may he let his face shine  
upon us.  
So may your way be known  
upon earth;  
among all nations,  
your salvation. **R**  
May the nations be glad  
and exult  
because you rule the  
peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth  
you guide. **R**  
May the peoples praise you,  
O God;  
may all the peoples  
praise you!  
May God bless us,  
and may all the ends

of the earth fear him! **R**

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**ALLELUIA** (John 8:12)

**Alleluia, alleluia.** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

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**GOSPEL** (John 12:44-50)

**J**esus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me. I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness. And if anyone hears my words and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn

him on the last day, because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me.”

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**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.**

**Today's Good News**

**“I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness” (John 12:4).** » I am volunteering at an organization called the Lighthouse, which offers services for the visually impaired. The first time I went there to help, I was not sure of my directions, so I asked the city bus driver if he knew the Lighthouse. His face brightened as he exclaimed, “Oh yes, all the bus drivers know where the Lighthouse is!” The logo of the Lighthouse shining its beacon on the dark water came to life in the face of that bus driver. The light of his expression made some of my apprehensions cease, and I began to focus on my coming visit. Jesus says he is our light in darkness. I have seen the truth of that declaration in the eyes of patients in the hospital. Their faces often light up as they recount how Jesus gives them strength to see the presence of God shining in the darkness of their illness. **SR. MARGUERITE ZRALEK, OP**

## 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.

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## 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.**

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus challenges us not just to hear his words but to act on them and thus change ourselves and our world.

● **Which of his words do I most need to act on today?**

*Jesus, help me to...*

# THURSDAY MAY 7

EASTER WEEKDAY

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*(Cf. Psalm 68 [67]:8-9, 20)*

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

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## COLLECT

O God, who restore human nature to yet greater dignity than at its beginnings, look upon the amazing mystery of your loving kindness, and in those you have chosen to make new through the wonder of rebirth may you preserve the gifts of your enduring grace and blessing.