

# Mass at Home

## Fifth Sunday of Easter 2021

### Year B

Link for this week's Mass is <https://youtu.be/40OgDgWYqKk>





## **Introduction**

The Holy Spirit of God's love calls us into a unity of life and love, which Jesus describes as a fruitful vine. We belong to God. We belong to each other. Today let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to the possibilities and responsibilities this gives us

## **Penitential Rite**

We are branches on the vine that is Christ so that we can produce fruit for God's Kingdom

Lord, You are the true vine      Lord have mercy

Lord, You have invite us to make our home in You,      Christ have mercy

Lord, You call us to produce good fruit Lord have mercy

## **Opening Prayer:**

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever      Amen .

## **First Reading:**

*Acts 9:26-31*

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of God

## **Responsorial Psalm**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

**Second Reading**

***1 Jn 3:18-24***

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another .*

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able  
to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise  
against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows every-  
thing.

My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in  
God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep  
his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

***Jn 15:1-8***

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me

that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’      The word of the Lord

## Homily



## Prayers of intercession

### *Presider*

We turn to God, the source of all life, committing ourselves once again to the role assigned to us, trustfully asking for all that we need

### *Reader:*

We pray for the Church, that it may be a field hospital for our wounded world. Lord hear us

We pray for those who are suffering loss and deprivation. Lord hear us

We pray for those who have all they need, that they may have hearts open to those in want. Lord hear us

We pray for young people, that they may actively discern where God is calling them in their lives, whether it be to Married, Single, Priestly, or Religious life. Lord hear us.

We pray for all of us, that we may continue to respond to God's unique call within our hearts, and constantly strive to live up to our shared Vocational call to holiness. Lord hear us

We pray for those who are sick and those who are dying, that the Lord may give them peace. Lord hear us

*Let us pray our Parish Prayer together:*

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

***Presider:***

Heavenly Father, we celebrate the victory of life over the death in the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. May the power of your love take away all our doubts and fears and make us strong to love and serve each other, through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;  
From all harm protect me;  
At the hour of my death, call me;  
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,  
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

**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

## **CONCLUSION**

Through hearing God's word and sharing in the Eucharist our lives have been strengthened to bring the love we share to the world around us. May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

