

**LITURGY NOTES FOR  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 2, 2021**

The early church was “at peace,” and “being built up.” With the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.” Only one thing can account for such astounding well-being and prosperity: the presence of the risen Christ. “The way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” Jesus warns, “without me you can do nothing.” In fact, the disciples feared the solitary Saul, “not believing that he was a disciple,” until the moment when “Barnabas took charge of him.” Such companionship transforms the Church, demonstrating dramatically how “God is greater than our hearts.”

*-[Magnificat](#)*

***Entrance Antiphon***

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight  
of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Collect (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, one God, for ever and ever.

**Communion Antiphon**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, say the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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