

Daily Reading for 5th Sunday of Easter - A

Reading 1, *Acts 6:1-7*

¹ About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. ² So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; ³ you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom, to whom we can hand over this duty. ⁴ We ourselves will continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' ⁵ The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these to the apostles, and after prayer they laid their hands on them. ⁷ The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19*

¹ Shout for joy, you upright; praise comes well from the honest.

² Give thanks to Yahweh on the lyre, play for him on the ten-stringed lyre.

⁴ The word of Yahweh is straightforward, all he does springs from his constancy. ⁵ He loves uprightness and justice; the faithful love of Yahweh fills the earth.

¹⁸ But see how Yahweh watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his faithful love, ¹⁹ to rescue them from death and keep them alive in famine.

Reading 2, *First Peter 2:4-9*

⁴ He is the living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him ⁵ so that you, too, may be living stones making a spiritual house as a holy priesthood to offer the spiritual sacrifices made acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ As scripture says: Now I am laying a stone in Zion, a chosen, precious cornerstone and no one who relies on this will be brought to disgrace. ⁷ To you believers it brings honour. But for unbelievers, it is rather a stone which the builders rejected that became a cornerstone, ⁸ a stumbling stone, a rock to trip people up. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the Word; it was the fate in store for them. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, a people to be a personal possession to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel, John 14:1-12

¹ Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, ³ and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going. ⁵ Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said: I am the Way; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him. ⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, ⁹ 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? 'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father, so how can you say, "Show us the Father"?' ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? What I say to you I do not speak of my own accord: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his works. ¹¹ You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe it on the evidence of these works. ¹² In all truth I tell you, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, and will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.