

Collect, Monday in the Fifth Week of Easter

O Lord, you have saved us through the Paschal mystery of Christ:
Continue to support your people with heavenly gifts, that we may attain true liberty, and enjoy the happiness of heaven which we have begun to taste on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Turning to page X in your bulletin, let us read from Psalm 115 responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 115:1-13

**Not to us, O God, not to us,
but to your Name give glory, ***

because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

Why should the nations say, *

“Where then is their God?”

Our God is in heaven, *

and whatever God wills to do comes to pass.

Their idols are silver and gold, *

the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *

eyes have they, but they cannot see;

They have ears, but they cannot hear; *

noses, but they cannot smell;

They have hands, but they cannot feel;

feet, but they cannot walk; *

they make no sound with their throat.

Those who make them are like them, *

and so are all who put their trust in them.

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O Israel, trust in God, *

who is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in God, *

who is their help and their shield.

You who fear God, trust in God, *

who is their help and their shield.

God has been mindful of us and will bless us; *

God will bless the house of Israel

and will bless the house of Aaron;

God will bless those who stand in awe, *

both small and great together.

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A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 14:5-18

And when an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, the apostles learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country; and there they continued proclaiming the good news.

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, "Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and

your hearts with joy.” Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 14:21-26

Jesus said: They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.