RECESSONAL HYMN: Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, le-ta-re, alleluia:
Qui a quem meruísti portáre, alleluia,
Resurréxit, sicut dixit, alleluia,
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia: The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen, as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

5th Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE CHANT: Cf. Ps 98:1-2

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.

KYRIE

Yri-e. le-son. i. Chri-te
Lord, have mercy.

le-son. i. Kyri-e
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**COMMUNION CHANT:** Cf. Jn 15:1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Who-ev-er re-mains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plen-ty, al-le-lu-ia.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, And with fear and trem-bling stand; For with bless-ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth, Our full hom-age to de-mand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mar-ty, As of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu-man ves-ture, faith-ful His own self for heav’n-ly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-gard on the way, As the Light of light de-scend-eth sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence,

4. At his feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with the way of the Lord. From the realms of end-less day, That the pow’rs of hell may As with cease-less voice they cry: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!
As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; * for praise is fitting for the upright. / Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp; * with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful, * and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right, * and his merciful love fills the earth.
3. Yes, the Lord’s eyes are on those who fear him, * who hope in his merciful love, / to rescue their souls from death, * to keep them alive in famine.

SECOND READING: 1 Pt 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: Jn 14:6

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

GOSPEL READING: Jn 14:1-2

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

OFFERTORY CHANT: The Strife is Over

1. The strife is o’er, the battle done;
   Al-le-Lu-ia! Al-le-Lu-ia! Al-le-Lu-ia!
2. The pow’rs of death have done their worst;
3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
4. He closed the yawning gates of hell;
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,

The victory of life is won;
But Christ their legions has dispersed;
He rises glorious from the dead;
The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell;
From death’s dread sting thy servants free,

The song of triumph has begun;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst;
All glory to our risen Head!
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
That we may live, and sing to thee:

Al-le-Lu-ia!