

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18

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keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalm 145:1-9

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| 1 | I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever. | 3 | Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness. |
| 2 | Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever. | 4 | One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power. |

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SECOND READING:

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God. And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the

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Revelation 19:1,4-9

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GOSPEL:

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for

John 13:31-35

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