

LECTOR WELCOME

May 7, 2023

**FIFTH EASTER**

**LECTOR:** Good Afternoon / Morning

Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome as we gather to celebrate the Fifth Sunday of our Easter Season.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the new role of deacon fills practical needs of the growing Church.

The first Epistle of Peter calls us to be built together as living stones, into a spiritual house. We are a royal priesthood called into the light of Christ.

In John's Gospel, Jesus reassures his disciples that he goes to prepare a place for them. He promises that those who believe in him will do his works.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the parish of Saint Bernardine in Baltimore, please join me as we pray the Prayer of the Holy Spirit...

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit  
did instruct the hearts of your faithful.  
Grant that by the same Spirit  
We may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen