

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

**First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Luminous and unfading is Wisdom,  
and easily discerned by those who love her,  
and found by those who seek her.

<sup>13</sup>She anticipates those who desire her,  
to make herself known in advance.

<sup>14</sup>The one who rises early to seek her will not grow weary,  
and will find her sitting at the gate.

<sup>15</sup>For to fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and the one who remains awake on her account will soon be secure.

<sup>16</sup>Those worthy of her she seeks, traveling about,  
and in their paths she appears to them, graciously,  
and, in every thought she meets them.

<sup>17</sup>For her beginning is the true desire for instruction,  
and concern for instruction is love of her.

<sup>18</sup>Now love of her is keeping her teachings,  
and attention to her teachings is assurance of immortality.

<sup>19</sup>And immortality brings one near to God.

**Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>God, my God, I seek you, you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh hungers for you,  
as in a dry and weary land without water.

<sup>2</sup>So in the sanctuary have I beheld you,  
seeing your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup>Because your faithful love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore will I bless you by name as long as I live;  
while I lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup>As with a rich feast my soul is satisfied,  
and with singing lips my mouth will praise you

<sup>6</sup>when I recall you upon my bed,  
and in the watches of the night meditate on you—

<sup>7</sup>for you have been my help—

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Redeemer Jesus Christ who in great mercy has engendered a new birth for us into a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>into an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you all, <sup>5</sup>who in the power of God are kept through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the end time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice even when necessary for you to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>in order that the examination of your faith, more precious than gold, which though perishable is tested by fire, may be found yielding praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>You have not seen him, yet you love him. You do not see him now, yet you believe in him and rejoice with a joy glorious and beyond words. <sup>9</sup>You are receiving the completion of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **Gospel: John 11:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived [in Bethany], he found that for four days Lazarus had already been in the tomb. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup>So, many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she met him, however Mary remained at the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Rabbi, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. <sup>22</sup>Yet even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even though they die, they will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Rabbi, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who comes into the world."