

Call to Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A

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Our readings show the ways that the early followers of Christ sought to keep the memory of Jesus alive, in word and in deed.

In the first reading, when there was unrest and complaints reported among the believers, the leaders called together the community to discover a way to be of service, thus showing us a way to bring our faith alive and answer the needs of the times.

In the second reading, St. Peter reminds his followers who Jesus is: the one who was rejected by humans but precious and chosen in the sight of God. Jesus is our *living* cornerstone, our foundation in *life*. We are called to believe and to walk by the light of this truth.

In the gospel reading, Jesus shows us the *way* to God. Jesus is the *truth* of God. Jesus offers us *life* in God. We are invited to follow, to have faith, to have untroubled hearts. We are invited to *see God in Jesus*, and flowing from that, to make our lives reflective of God's presence in and among us. Jesus promises that those who believe this, will do even greater deeds than these.

As we begin our celebration of the Eucharist, let us pray that as a community of faith we may keep the memory of Jesus alive in word and in deed.

