

## Readings: Monday, 5th week of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 14:5-18

*We proclaim to you Good News that you should turn from these idols to the living God.*

There was an attempt in Iconium  
by both the Gentiles and the Jews,  
together with their leaders,  
to attack and stone Paul and Barnabas.  
They realized it,  
and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe  
and to the surrounding countryside,  
where they continued to proclaim the Good News.

At Lystra there was a crippled man, lame from birth,  
who had never walked.  
He listened to Paul speaking, who looked intently at him,  
saw that he had the faith to be healed,  
and called out in a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet."  
He jumped up and began to walk about.  
When the crowds saw what Paul had done,  
they cried out in Lycaonian,  
"The gods have come down to us in human form."  
They called Barnabas "Zeus" and Paul "Hermes,"  
because he was the chief speaker.  
And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city,  
brought oxen and garlands to the gates,  
for he together with the people intended to offer sacrifice.

The Apostles Barnabas and Paul tore their garments  
when they heard this and rushed out into the crowd, shouting,  
"Men, why are you doing this?  
We are of the same nature as you, human beings.  
We proclaim to you good news  
that you should turn from these idols to the living God,  
who made heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them.  
In past generations he allowed all Gentiles to go their own ways;  
yet, in bestowing his goodness,  
he did not leave himself without witness,  
for he gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons,  
and filled you with nourishment and gladness for your hearts."  
Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds  
from offering sacrifice to them.

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**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16**

R./ Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory. or: Alleluia.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us  
but to your name give glory  
because of your mercy, because of your truth.  
Why should the pagans say,  
"Where is their God?"

R./ Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory. or: Alleluia.

Our God is in heaven;  
whatever he wills, he does.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the handiwork of men.

R./ Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory. or: Alleluia.

May you be blessed by the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
Heaven is the heaven of the LORD,  
but the earth he has given to the children of men.

R./ Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory. or: Alleluia.

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**Gospel Reading: John 14:21-26**

The Advocate whom the Father will send will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them  
is the one who loves me.

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him,

"Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us  
and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Whoever loves me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;  
yet the word you hear is not mine  
but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you.  
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit  
whom the Father will send in my name  
he will teach you everything  
and remind you of all that I told you."

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