

## Fifth Sunday of Easter : May 3, 2026

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> I come to you, Lord, for protection; never let me be defeated. You are a righteous God; save me I pray!

<sup>2</sup> **Hear me! Save me now! Be my refuge to protect me; my defense to save me.**

<sup>3</sup> You are my refuge and defense guide me and lead me as you have promised.

<sup>4</sup> **Keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me; shelter me from danger.**

<sup>5</sup> I place myself in your care. You will save me, Lord; you are a faithful God.

<sup>15</sup> **I am always in your care, save me from my enemies, from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Look on your servant with kindness; save me in your constant love.

### Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw God's glory and Jesus standing at the right side of God.<sup>56</sup> "Look!" he said. "I see heaven opened and the Son of Man standing at the right side of God!" <sup>57</sup> With a loud cry the Council members covered their ears with their hands. Then they all rushed at him at once, <sup>58</sup> threw him out of the city, and stoned him. The witnesses left their cloaks in the care of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> They kept on stoning Stephen as he called out to the Lord, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" <sup>60</sup> He knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord! Do not remember this sin against them!" He said this and died.

### John 14:1-14

<sup>1</sup> "Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if this were not so. <sup>3</sup> And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.<sup>4</sup> You know the way that leads to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. <sup>7</sup> Now that you have known me," he said to them, "you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need." <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you," Jesus said to his disciples, "do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do. <sup>12</sup> I am telling you the truth: whoever believes in me will do what I do - yes, he will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.