

Sunday 28 April 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter – *We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song [Augustine]*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32¹

YOU, LORD, ARE MY PRAISE IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY **or** ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

*We have been given so much through the Resurrection. Let us pray to find ways to share what we have
Let us be generous in our prayer and giving so that others may rejoice with us in God's goodness*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

We pray for Christians to witness to the world so that all people may hear about Christ.

We pray for all who have power and influence in any way to do what is right and just before God.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.'

*We ask for the grace and strength to give only the best example of Christian faith to our young people
Let us commit ourselves to do whatever we can to build up the Church, God's kingdom, for the future*

¹ This psalm began with Christ's cry on the cross, *My God, My God why have forsaken me*. Today's verses "soar to the heights of a hymn of praise and thanksgiving.....of triumphant faith" [A Weiser *The Psalms* SCM 1962 p.219]