

**Deacon Tony's May 6, 2023, Homily
for the
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIME**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. God wants you to have a peaceful heart. He wants you to place your trust in Him by following the person of Jesus who is fully God and fully Man. Whoever trusts me will do the works that I do and even greater works because I am going to the Father and will send the Holy Spirit.

Have you ministered a healing lately by forgiving someone who has offended you?

I go to prepare a place for you in the heavenly kingdom in order to bring you with Me when I return, so that where I am, you also may be. He promises to provide the Grace that our hearts need as well as the words to share.

In the first reading we see the Apostles laying hands to commission the first deacons to help accommodate the growing crowds on "the way". God's church needed ordained ministers to help feed the people, so that the Apostles could devote their time to teaching.

Peter tells the people to form a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices to strengthen The Body of Christ. Jesus is the cornerstone of God's building, the one that all the stones center on.

And finally, Jesus wants to use us a finely tuned instrument to play His song of love in the marketplace.

Sing with me as we praise and offer glory to Jesus who is consubstantial with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, Won't you use me!