

Sunday, May 3
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews
because their widows
were being neglected in the daily distribution.
So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples
and said,

“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve
at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,
whom we shall appoint to this task,
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer
and to the ministry of the word.”

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the
Holy Spirit,
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

They presented these men to the apostles
who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem
increased greatly;
even a large group of priests were becoming obedient
to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Or: Alleluia.