

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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Jesus is the light in my Father's house,
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.
Jesus is the light in my Father's house,
Where there's joy, joy, joy!

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Welcome and Word for this Day

Gospel of John 15:1-5;12-17

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

We Bow Down

Rhonda R.

Prayer of the Day

Book of Common Prayer

O Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sermon

Pr. Kristina

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Love, divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

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Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place.
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Rowland H. Prichard.

Prayers of the Church

Christina Brennan Lee

Offering/Offertory

*Lord, Whose Love in
Humble Service*

ELW 712

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion

Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
Forth in your dear name we go.
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
May your mercy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly; **Music:** *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia; arr. Selected Hymns;
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Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth,
Day by day you shower us with blessings
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock,
who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God
will forgive us and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

**We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and
make us new, that we may know your abundant life in
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

In this is love, not that we loved God
but that God loved us and sent the Son
to atone for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ,
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.
Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**



HOLY COMMUNION



Invitation

Jesus said, *I am the true vine.
Abide in me as I abide in you.*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

THE MEAL

Communion Response*How Beautiful*

Rhonda R.

*How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ.*

*And as he laid down his life,
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died:
Willing to pay the price,
Willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful
Is the body of Christ.*

How beautiful.

Prayer

Life-giving Lord, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of Heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness. God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you and comfort you. **Amen.**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

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Thanks we give and adoration
For your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with you in endless day.

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Postlude

Majesty

Rhonda R.



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