

MAY 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Words of Welcome

We gather to praise and worship God, the one who created us for love. We gather to worship the true vine, the one in whose love we abide. Easter people, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Sounds of Faith – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches.
In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed,
when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches,
when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your Spirit.
Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you.
Amen.

Response - Alleluia

Scripture: Psalm 22:27-31

*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.*

Choir Anthem

Scripture: I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Meditation

Sounds of Hope – Be Thou My Vision

Giving

The Lord's Supper

Pastoral Prayers, the Lord's Prayer:

. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Sounds of Love – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Benediction

Postlude