

Morning Prayer

2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



“I am the True Vine”

Opening Responses

Though we are not
physically together

**We are all branches
of the same True Vine**

Though we may not be
breaking bread together

**We await the day when
we may drink from the same cup**

Though we worship in our different homes

We all abide in the same love

And worship together in spirit now

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies
open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O
God, set our hearts on fire with love for
you; now and for ever. All: **Amen**

Confession

The seeds of hope and love are planted
deep with us, so they can bear fruit in our
lives. But we resist staying connected to
the Vine, thinking we can flourish on our
own. Let us confess our sins, so we can
once more feel God abiding deep within us
by together:

All: Lord of the vineyard:

you call us to be one body,
yet we fragment ourselves into selfish
pieces;

we separate ourselves from our sisters
and brothers; and from you.

Forgive us our sins so we may abide in
you once again and allow your love to
abide in us, so that we may bear fruit.

Absolution

Hymn

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my
Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

The Word of God

John 15:1-8

at the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Creed

Our God has created an abundant universe, Giving life to all, and graciously preserving all.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Saviour has made a way to abundant life, Giving His life for all, and compassionately inviting all to abide in Him.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Comforter is poured out as the abundant Spirit, Bringing power and gifts to all, and enabling God to abide in us.

We believe and trust in God, Three in One; Generous and Loving, Faithful and Eternal. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to:

'You are the vine, we are the branches'.
is '**Keep us abiding in you**'.

The Collect

Generous God, who in calling forth life out of nothingness, plants seeds of love that branch into vines:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, we may be found steadfast in faith and active in fruitful service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Hymn

Chorus

A new commandment
I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.

1. By this shall all know
that you are My disciples
If you have love
one for another (*X2 then Chorus*)

2. I am the true vine,
my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me:
I will be with you (*X2 - Chorus*)

3. True Love is patient,
Not arrogant, nor boastful.
Love bears all things,
love is eternal (*X2 then Chorus*)

Notices

The Blessing

Go out as workers in God's vineyard,
In the image of the vine grower
Abiding in the love of the true vine
And with the power of the Spirit
abiding in you.
And may the blessing of the one God,
Who is Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer, be with you now and
evermore **Amen**.

Go in the peace of the risen Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God.**
Alleluia, alleluia.