

Fifth Sunday of Easter

# Announcements

*"I am the vine, you are the branches"*

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# Prelude

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# Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 22:25-31  
from the *Laughing Bird* version  
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*One:*  
*Whenever people gather to worship, LORD,  
my heart overflows and I sing your praises.*

***All:*  
Out in the open for all to see –  
I'll do all that I promised.**

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*One:*  
*At your table, God, the needy will feast;*

***All:*  
those who hunger for you  
will be fed till they burst with praise!**

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*One:*  
*They will be able to live it up,  
now and forever!*

***All:*  
In every corner of the earth  
people will wake up to themselves  
and turn back to you, LORD.**

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*One:*  
Every race, nation, tribe and family  
will offer themselves to you in worship,

**All:**  
**for you have the last word on everything;**

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*One:*  
what you say goes.

**All:**  
**Even the dead**  
**will bow down to you, LORD;**

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*One:*  
those who are trampled in the dust  
will look to you in hope,

**All:**  
**and I will live for you and you alone.**

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*One:*  
Our kids and their kids  
will serve you, LORD;  
as we pass the message down  
from one generation to the next.

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**All:**  
**People not even born yet**  
**will hear the story;**  
**they will be told of what**  
**you have done to set us free.**

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**Christ is alive!**  
**Let Christians sing!**

Hymnal #278  
words by Brian Wren, 1968  
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music - "Truro" is anonymous, 1789

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1.

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets & homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

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2.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.

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3.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

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## Opening Prayer

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## 1 John 4:7-21

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## Returning our Tithes and Offerings

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# Offertory Video

a children's story:  
**"I Love You Stinky Face"**  
 by Lisa McCourt

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# Sharing a joy, a concern, a word of testimony or praise

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# Breathe on me, breath of God

Hymnal #356  
 words by Edwin Hatch, 1878  
 music by Robert Jackson, 1888

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<sup>1.</sup>

Breathe on me, breath of God.  
 Fill me with life anew,  
 that I may love what thou dost love,  
 and do what thou wouldst do.

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<sup>2.</sup>

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
 until my heart is pure,  
 until with thee I will one will,  
 to do and to endure.

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<sup>3.</sup>

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
 till I am wholly thine,  
 till all this earthly part of me  
 glows with thy fire divine.

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4.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

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Prayer

created or adapted by Rev. David Chafin  
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Come Follow Me

by Pete Haynes ©1997

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*Chorus:*

Come, follow me and you will see  
what love can do if you let it be  
your heart's desire, your inner fire,  
a Word so real it will set you free.

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1.

Jesus shows us what God is like,  
a love that reaches the lost & the least.  
At his table we're served, and saved,  
and called to join in the feast.

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2.

Love surrenders what hate defends,  
and pride gives way to a tub & a towel.  
"Love your enemy," Jesus said,  
and love will tear down the wall.

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3.

Love's community still lives on  
as we together say "yes" to the Lord.  
Journey on to where Jesus calls  
and let God's love be restored.

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John 15:1-8

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today's message:

*"Abiding in the Vine"*

*"I am the vine, you are the branches"*

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*"I am the good shepherd"*



*"I am the vine"*

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*"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them..." (Exodus 20:5)*



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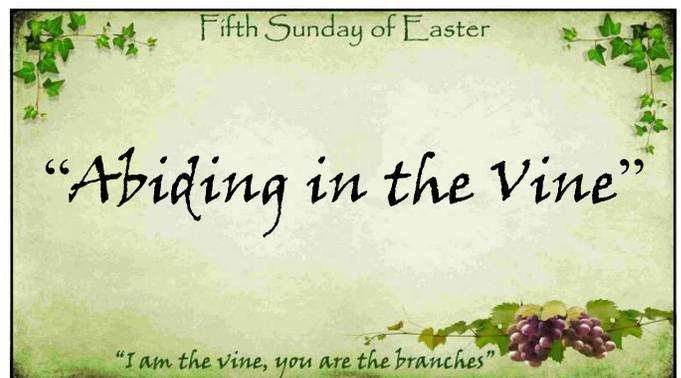
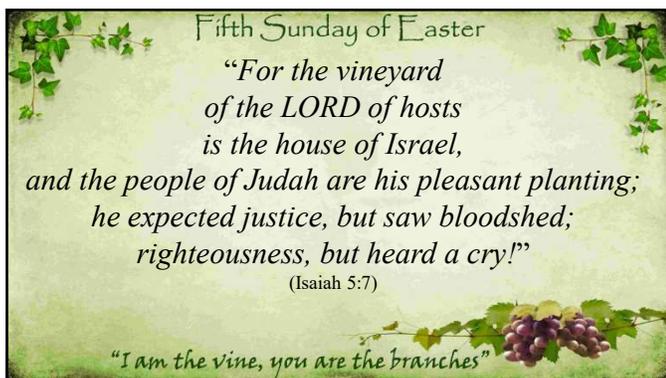
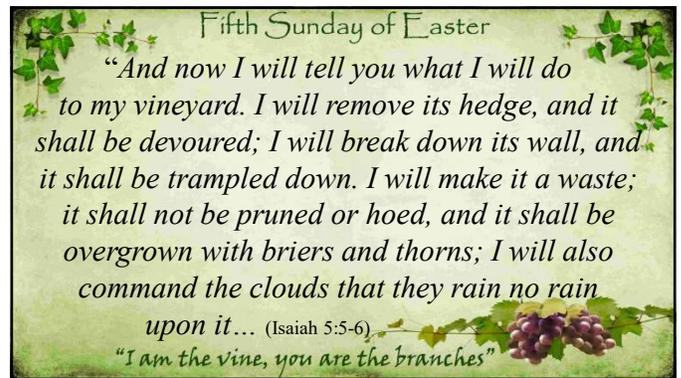
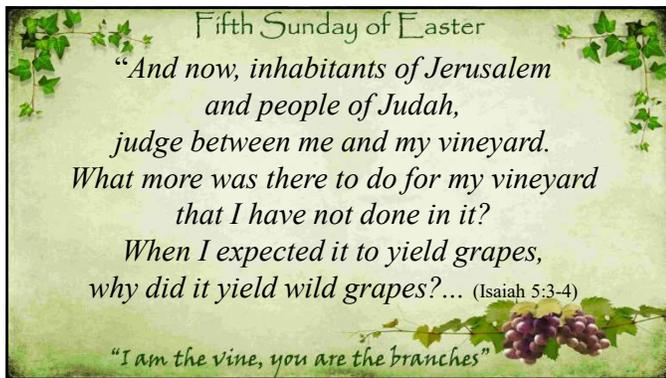
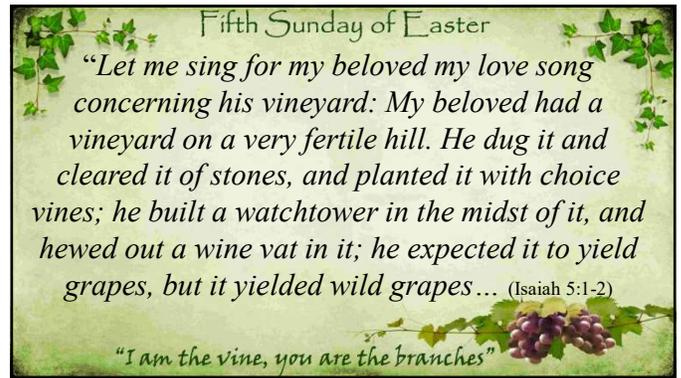
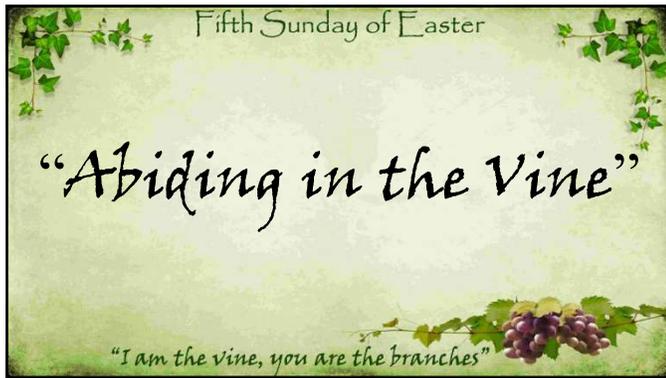
*"You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River." (Psalm 80:8-11)*

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*"Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted." (Psalm 80:12-15)*

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God is the vine-grower

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."

(Proverbs 29:18)



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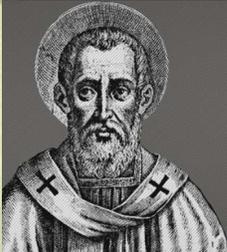
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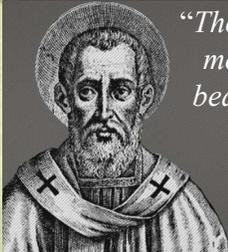


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from *The Martyrdom of Polycarp*,  
translated by J.B. Lightfoot

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*"Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit..."*  
(John 15:5b)

"karpos poly"  
"Polycarp"

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*"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."*  
(John 15:8)

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Thou true Vine,  
that heals

Hymnal #373  
words by Percy Dearmer, 1925  
© Oxford University Press, London  
to an American folk hymn

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1a.

Thou true Vine, that heals the nations,  
Tree of life, thy branches we.  
They who leave thee fade and wither,  
none bear fruit except in thee.

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1b.

Cleanse us, make us sane and simple,  
till we merge our lives in thine,  
gain ourselves in thee, the Vintage,  
give ourselves through thee, the Vine.

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2a.

Nothing can we do without thee;  
on thy life depends each one.  
If we keep thy words and love thee,  
all we ask for shall be done.

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2b.

May we, loving one another,  
radiant in thy light abide;  
so through us, made fruitful by thee,  
shall our God be glorified.

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## Closing Prayer

*(in unison)*

Hymnal #752  
adapted from "Order of Worship," Worship the Lord.  
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Gracious God,  
grant that the words we have heard this day  
may be so grafted within our hearts  
that they bring forth fruit  
to the honor and praise of your name,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

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## Postlude

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