



Morning Prayer May 2 – Easter 5

Welcome / Announcements

Opening Music: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Opening Sentence: “I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.” *John 15:5*

Officiant: O God, let my soul rise up to meet you

People: as the day rises to meet the sun.

Officiant: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.

People: O come, let us worship.

Officiant: Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the wrongs we have done, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

(silence for reflection is kept)

People: Most merciful God, forgive us our sins against you and against each other.

Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Officiant: Fill our hearts, O God, with your Holy Spirit, that we may go forth this day in peace and joy, serving you eagerly in all we do, in Jesus’ name. Amen

The Passing of God’s Peace:

Officiant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(The peace is passed between the participants on the call.)

The Proclamation of the Word:

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 8: 26-40

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 24-30

My praise is of God in the great assembly;* **I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:* **“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,* **and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

For kingship belongs to the Lord;* **he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;* **all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;* **they shall be known as the Lord's forever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn* **the saving deeds that he has done.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Reader: A reading from the 1st letter of John.

1 John 4: 7-21

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God

Reader: The gospel of Jesus according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15: 1-8

Reader: This is the gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily – Lori

Music: O Blessed Spring

Affirmation of Faith:

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and great commandment.
The second is like it;
love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People: Leona

The Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and to walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer: (contemporary version) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive

us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen**

Music: You are the Vine

Officiant: May the God of love, send you forth this day to rejoice in all things, to trust Love in all circumstances, and to proclaim God's coming kingdom to all people. **Amen**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Music: Let There Be Love