

**COMMUNION HYMN: One Love Released**

**Refrain:**

One bread, one body, one cup, one call,  
One faith, one Spirit present in us all.  
One prayer, one blessing, one hope, one peace,  
One church, one people, one love released.

Is not this bread we share the body of our Lord?  
Is not this wine we drink the blood of Christ outpoured?

I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live.  
To those who share this meal, my strength I'll always give.

I am the living bread as manna from the sky.  
This bread I give to you, that you may never die.

No one will come to me, unless our God has led.  
And I shall raise them up, raise them from the dead!

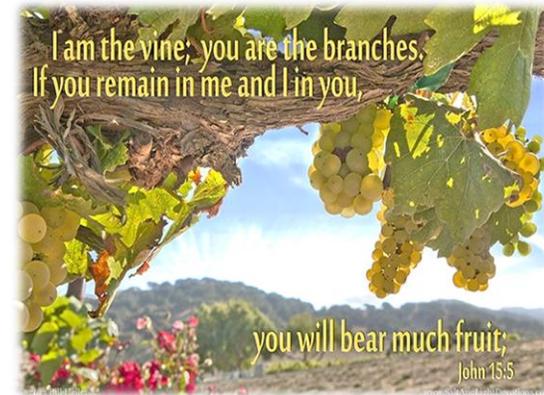
**RECESSIONAL HYMN He Is the Lord**

Refrain: Sing to the Lord with shouts of joy let all creation rejoice!  
Come join the song of praise to our God! He is the Lord! He is the Lord!

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you nations!  
Serve the Lord, serve the Lord, come before him singing for joy!

Give thanks to God our Father for his love.  
Bless our God, Bless our God. His mercy is forever!

**Fifth Sunday  
of Easter  
April 25, 2021  
4 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.**



**ENTRANCE HYMN: We Have Been Told**

**Refrain:** We have been told.

We've seen his face and heard his voice alive in our hearts.  
"Live in my love with all your heart.  
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

1. I am the vine; you are the branches,  
and all who live in me will bear great fruit.

2. You are my friends, if you keep my commands,  
no longer slaves; I call you friends.

**FIRST READING** Acts 9:26-31

**A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles**

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

**The Word of the Lord**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** from Psalm 22

*Refrain:* I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

“May your hearts live forever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth;  
before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him.  
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a  
people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

## **SECOND READING** 1 Jn 3:18-24

### **A reading from the First Letter of St. John**

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth  
and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn,  
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God  
and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his  
commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son,  
Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,  
and the way we know that he remains in us  
is from the Spirit he gave us.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**R: Alleluia**

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

## **READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL** Jn 15:1-8

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John**

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine  
grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,  
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its  
own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in  
me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in  
him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and  
wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be  
burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever  
you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

## **OFFERTORY HYMN: I Am The Vine**

*Refrain:* I am the vine, you are the branches.

Remain in me, you shall be fruitful.

Love for the world, hope for the hopeless

If you love, then you must root yourself in me.

For the branch will fail and die without the tree.

If you give then you must give yourself to me.

For the well will soon run dry without the sea.

## **LAMB OF GOD** (*Latin lyrics by request*)

Agnus Dei, Qui tolis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.

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Agnus Dei, Qui tolis peccata mundi Dona nobis pacem