



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

GATHERING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"The Strife is O'er" arranged by Cindy Berry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Fire on the Mountain",

WORD

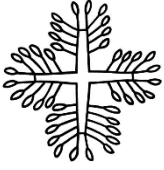
*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

John 15: 1 - 8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do



*God feeds us
with the
presence of Jesus
Christ.*

nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

SERMON

HYMN

"Abide With Me"

MEAL

THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"You Are Mine"

ELW 581

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

Arranged by Mark Kieswetter

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Morning Has Broken", BUNESSAN arranged by Larry Sue

SENDING

*God blesses us
and sends us in
mission to the
world.*

HYMN

ELW 377

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!", Text: Herbert F. Brokering, Music: David N. Johnson



2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

SENDING

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Minister
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Aline Kouhi-Klemencic	Children's Reading
Alessia and Ellen Gallipoli-van Rensburg	Readers
Emily Wuschnakowski	Prayers of the People
Handbells Quartet	Additional Music
Ellen Gallipoli-van Rensburg	Sending

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.