

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 2, 2021

Bishop Edward Malesic has granted permission for congregations to sing together, provided they sing softly and are wearing their masks. Please joyfully sing our hymns and responses today, at a quieter volume and with your mask covering your entire nose and mouth. At this time, we will still refrain from singing the Communion song.

Entrance Song

Be joyful, Mary, heav'nly queen, *gaude Maria:*
Your Son who died was living seen,
Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.

The Son you bore by heaven's grace, *gaude Maria:*
Did all our guilt and sin efface,
Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.

The Lord has risen from the dead, *gaude Maria:*
He rose with might as he had said,
Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

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.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 22*

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

Second Reading: *1 John 3:18-24*

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.

Gospel Reading: *John 15:1-8*

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.”

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (*stand*)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Song

Christians, let us love one another, as we share the true living bread. Jesus is our God and our brother; with his flesh and blood we are fed. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God, Jesus is our life, God is love.

Jesus is the vine, we the branches; we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread. Those who eat this bread live forever, One with Christ, our Lord and our Head. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God, Jesus is our life, God is love.

Communion Reminders

- *Follow guidance of ushers*
- *Maintain 6-foot distance.*
- *Cup hands and leave mask in place.*
- *After the host is placed in your hands, please cover Him with one hand, and step to the next cross on the floor. Lift your mask and receive the Eucharist, and then replace your mask and return to your seat.*

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Closing Song

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives in majesty above;
He lives to guide his church in love.

Please leave your kneeler down when you leave, to mark your pew as "used" for those sanitizing. Help is welcome and appreciated!

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