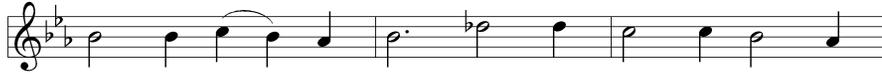


Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as con- quers death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1633
 Music: THE CALL, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

- PRELUDE *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide You* Georg Neumark
- GATHERING HYMN
Chief of Sinners Though I Be ELW 609
- GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL *Alleluia! Sing To Jesus*
 ELW 392 (vs. 2)
- HYMN OF THE DAY
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW 362
- MUSICAL OFFERING *Antiphonal Celebration Song*
 Arr. by Patrick Liebergen
- COMMUNION HYMN
I Received the Living God ELW 477
- SENDING HYMN *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*
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- POSTLUDE *The Lord Is on My Side* Tom Birchwood

WORSHIP LEADERS

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| Presiding Minister | The Reverend Larry Hawkins |
| Director of Music | Daniel W. Deitzel III |
| Assisting Minister | Les Van Dam |
| Eucharistic Minister | Will Hawkins |
| Cantor | Wayne Noss |
| Acolyte | Eric Smith |
| Lector | Sarah Miller |
| Greeters | Barry and Hope Ridge |
| Ushers | Dick Miller and John Wesley |
| Altar Guild | Ron Hartzell and Doug Kakuk |
| Offering Counters | Guy Kehler and Elizabeth Parker |

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

Lord, God, whose divine thoughts and ways are beyond our comprehension, we praise you for your great goodness. Continue your blessings, we pray, and bring all your people into a loving union as faithful disciples. Make us quick to bear the fruits of love, peace, patience, and mercy. Keep us steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in your work, knowing that in you our labor is never in vain. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

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 that we read of 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.

Persons with impairments - St. Michael offers to those with any type of hearing difficulty a small, remote personal speaker which provides the user an amplified, high quality audio of the entire service. We invite our guests who may have the need for such an accommodation to ask an usher for a personal speaker. (They are available upon entering the Nave.) We welcome any comments concerning St. Michael's efforts to accommodate persons with impairments or disabilities.

As part of our stewardship of the earth God has created for us, we are using our worship bulletins for a complete season of the church year. Please remove the worship service section and place it in the basket provided in the narthex. You may take this cover and the readings insert. Thank you for helping to conserve our natural resources and allowing the cost of paper to be redirected to other areas of ministry.

An enlarged copy of the bulletin is available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

PROPER VERSE

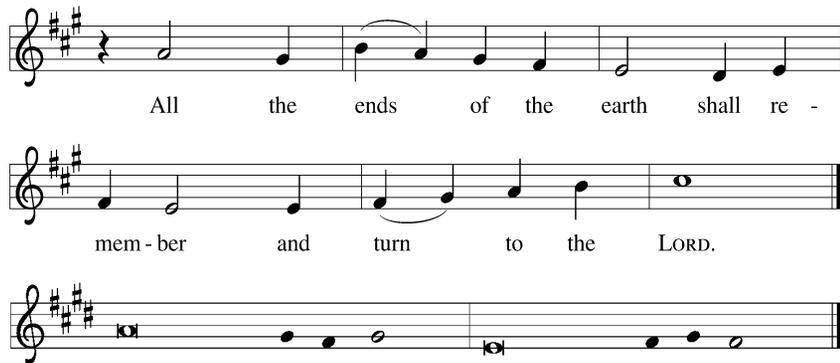
Alleluia. I am the vine, you¹ are the branches.*
Those who abide in me and I in them¹ bear much fruit. Alleluia.
(John 15:5)

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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 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.

The refrain is sung by the choir, repeated by the assembly. The psalm is sung antiphonally by the cantor and assembly, beginning with the cantor. The assembly sings the refrain where marked.



- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations. R**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" **R**

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- The Humperdinck-L-Ettes
- Helping Hands Ministry
- Interfaith Alliance
- Helping Hands Ministry
- Choir Rehearsal
- Pastor Hawkins' Day Off
- Deadline for Worship Assistants for June
- Mothers' Day Tea
- Helping Hands Ministry

- Today at 1:00 p.m.
- Today at 4:00 p.m.
- Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday
- Thursday
- Next Sunday at 11:15 a.m.
- Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By water and the Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ and made members of his church. We remember and rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: Elaina Deitzel on May 11; and Amy Fuller on May 12.

Readings for the *Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 13*, are:

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17

Join members and friends of St. Michael for an evening of Christian music and fellowship on Friday, May 11. Christian Churches United is sponsoring a benefit concert featuring John Michael Talbot at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$35, but will be covered by the Kuhnert Fund. You are welcome to make a donation or cover your own expenses as well. Donated funds will be returned to the Kuhnert Fund for future use. A 6:30 p.m. buffet reception is planned. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to register for this event.

Lutheran Night with the Senators will take place on Friday, May 18. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each (\$4 of each ticket will be donated to Camp Nawakwa and Kirchenwald). A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Today is the last day to sign-up. Ticket orders are due tomorrow.

Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Red is the color of the day! Geraniums are the flower of the day! Geraniums come in 4" pots. Cost is \$4.00 each. Order forms are available on the tables in the narthex, as well as in the May issue of the newsletter. **All orders with payment are due no later than Sunday, May 13.** In lieu of geraniums, donations may be made to *For This Holy House*.

Help fill up the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall with non-perishable food items to be donated to Loaves of Love Food Bank. Share what you can.

Bring your empty, rinsed beverage cans to St. Michael. The cans will be recycled and all money collected will go to *For This Holy House*.

Volunteers are needed to help Helping Hands Ministries on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:00—6:00 p.m. There is a sign up chart on the bulletin board. See Mike Ennis or Lindsay Mills with any questions.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a “wish list” on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating some of these items.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a wish list for a Haitian Mission Trip that will take place from May 14—May 21. If you would like to help, please see the information on the list.

There are several openings for Altar Flower, Bulletin and Fellowship Hour sponsors. If you can fill one of these, please sign up on the bulletin board, or contact the church office.

Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God by Sue Will.

Bulletins are paid for from church funds.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God by the Fellowship Committee.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2012

FIRST READING

ACTS 8:26–40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.