

*You are God's vineyard ...
... the planting of the Lord,
that God may be glorified.*

1 Corinthians 3:9, and Isaiah 61:3



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Sunday Worship 1 - Prayers and Praise - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 2 - Responding to the Word - 9:30 am



All Previous Videos remain available for viewing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP I
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYERS AND PRAISE: 9:00AM
MAY 02, 2021

PRELUDE

To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!
Rick-Hymnal 098 -3v.mp4

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WELCOME

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

**In the power of the Creator,
in the peace of the Redeemer,
in the presence of the Spirit
we welcome you.**

SCRIPTURE

John 6:45-47

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Face of tenderness; Face of mercy!

**face of a God who forgives,
face of a God who sets free!**

Face of joy; Face of peace!

**Face of a God who loves life;
Face of a God who gives life!**

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lift thine eyes
**Praise to you, Jesus:
you reveal the face of the Father to us,**

**Praise to you, Jesus:
you reveal the face of the Father to us,**

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you reveal the face of the Father to us,**

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you reveal the face of the Father to us,**

HYMN

O Worship the King, All-Glorious Above
Rick-Hymnal 073-lyrics 3v.mp4

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SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

HYMN

O How I Love Jesus
Rick-Hymnal 170-20Aug09.mp4

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CALL TO CONFESSION

FotW
*Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess to God and to one another
our failure to love our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John 15:5

FotW

**God of mercy, we confess that
we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Rick-Hymnal 172-rick-20Aug09.mp4

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John 15:3

FotW (alt)

*We have already been cleansed
by the word that God has spoken to us.*
**In baptism God claimed us
and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine.**
Believe the promise we have been given:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of All Nature
Rick-Hymnal 189-no lyrics.mp4

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH –

Easter 5B

LCAWPP via (GBOD)

Prayer

Near to the Heart of God (There Is a Place of Quiet Rest)

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Dean McIntyre, via GBOD - 472.mp3

*Jesus said, 'If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.'
Let us now approach God with confidence.*

*Risen Lord, you gave your life on behalf of your flock
revealing to us the love of God.
Give us faith to accept this act of love,
so that we turn from our waywardness and drink deeply of your Spirit.*
Lord, in your mercy . . . hear our prayer.

... Prune all selfishness from us and fill us with your love.
Lord, in your mercy . . . hear our prayer.

... turn the whole world to you in faith, repentance and praise.
Lord, in your mercy . . . hear our prayer.

Heal those who are unwell ...
whom we now name silently in our hearts . . .

<silent prayers>

Lord, in your mercy . . . hear our prayer.

We ask all this in your holy name,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
And so, in the confidence of the children of God,
we pray the words Jesus gave us...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Rick-Hymnal 384-20Jun14.mp4

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SCRIPTURE DOXOLOGY

ACTS 8:26–40

(Based on John 15:1-8)

Joseph W. Daniels, (GBOD)

*And now to the One who abides in us, as we abide in Him.
To the One who loves us with a tender mercy that keeps us.
To the One who prunes us
so that we may grow exponentially,
to this gracious and loving Savior Jesus Christ
through whom all things can be accomplished,
and through whom the prayers of all people,
in all stations of life are answered:*

**To Him we give thanks and praise,
always and forevermore. Amen!**

POSTLUDE - INTERLUDE

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love
Rick-Hymnal 422-rick-20Jul19.mp4

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Anthem note from Cathy:

On this 5th Sunday of Easter I have chosen "I Need Thee Every Hour" as the anthem. As we go through the Seasons, we always need our dear Lord "every hour" of every day. He brings us peace by being with us through both our "joy and our pain." With our Lord by our sides we live each day with hope and can keep the love in our hearts.

Love, peace and hope to you this week, Cathy and Clark

ORDER OF WORSHIP II
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD: 9:30AM
MAY 02, 2021

INTERLUDE / PRELUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Rick-Hymnal 066-20Jul19.mp4

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OPENING WORDS

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Come, Holy Spirit,
that through your word we may be guided
into the love of God for all the world. Amen.**

FotW

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8

A VINEYARD "CALL TO WORSHIP"

(For John 15:1-8)

Safiyah Fosua, (via GBOD)

And we are the branches.

God is the True Vine,

Connected to bear fruit!

Connected to God.

Or we wither away.

Connected to God.

Or useless!

Connected to God.

We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**God, teach us how to remain connected
so that we might bear good fruit!**

SERMON

JOHN 15:1-8

"Jeanne and Mr. Taylor"

**Creator of abundance and full life
you give all creatures good hearts
providing all the nutrients to grow
planting us deep in the good earth.**

**We think we know how to grow
judging and diminishing others
completely living for ourselves alone
not sharing your abundant goodness.**

**Yet we have seen life wither away
from our careless selfish ways
you have promised to make us good
if we would but live for others.**

**Help us to bear the good fruit of love
make us live in service to others
let us not be blind to our own faults
so that all might thrive abundantly now. Amen**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MODERN AFFIRMATION

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**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all his works, and
whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope, and
the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth.
Amen**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

adapted from 1John and Acts 8: 26-40

*In all OUR living, may we be attentive to the Spirit,
graciously engaging with Creation,
with one another, and with any whom we may meet...
Employing all the assets at our disposal,
time, treasure, talents - all for the glory of God.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(John 15:1-8)

(GBOD)

**God of the far-flung universe and
God who is closer than our own heartbeat:
we long to dwell in your closeness,
abiding in you and you abiding in us.
However, the call to abide in other places is strong:
to abide in the world of popularity and acceptance
or in the world of increasing wealth and power
centered around our own wants and desires.
As we offer our gifts and ourselves to you,
help us turn away from other calls
and abide in that place of heart's deepest desire:
in your Son, Jesus, and he in us. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, We Would Grow with You

Contemporary Welsh prayer(GBOD)

**Lord, we would grow with you
New shoots reaching out
Hands stretched upward
Like leaves newly formed
Soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you**

**Lord, we would grow with you
In sunshine and rain
In darkness and light
In cold days and summer days
From Springtime to Winter
Lord, we would grow with you**

**Lord, we would grow with you
And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you
Fed by your living water
Giving sustenance to others
Lord, we would grow with you**

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION *(based on John 15:1-8, 1 John 4:7-21)*

Nathan Nettleton, (GBOD)

*Go now, and love one another,
because love is from God.
Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.
Remain in Jesus Christ,
and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.*

*And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful;
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear
and fill you with God's love.*

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
... In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE*O God, Our Creator, You Work Every Day*

Gillette

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Prayer Rev. Carol J Gallagher
aka "mamabishop", at <https://mamabishop.blogspot.com/>
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Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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LECTIONARY

Acts 8:26–40

Psalm 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–21

John 15:1–8

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is your deepest desire?

Jesus says that “whatever you wish . . . it will be done for you”.

Spend time in the next days asking yourself at evermore profound levels what you most devoutly wish for in this life and the next.

Then ask for it.

MORNING PRAYER:

God of all beginnings, you bring a new day,
and you promise to journey with me through the hours.

I thank you for the breath and strength I have,
and I beg your help that I may use my powers wisely
and with compassion toward everyone I meet.

Let my questions today be a form of pruning
to bring forth in me new understandings,
healing, and good fruit; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER:

Sweet Jesus, in this night of rest,
heal my broken places and restore my faith.
You are my vine; only in you am I strong enough
to face the darkness of this world.

I thank you for the safety of my home
and pray for those who have no bed tonight.

Make me grateful,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

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Give thanks for:

- ✓ *the magnificent expanse of mountains, grasslands and deserts in these Central Asian countries*
- ✓ *the rich natural resources*
- ✓ *the incredible ethnic diversity*
- ✓ *cultural traditions and practices that have been preserved for centuries
amid the challenges of modernization*
- ✓ *Christians who, although they are a tiny minority, have courage to witness to the gospel
and find the strength to live according to God's word*
- ✓ *those who in spite of danger dedicate their lives to serving others.*

Pray for:

- ✓ *the people in these lands who suffer from poverty and repressive rule*
- ✓ *an end to clashes related to tribalism, traditionalism, and modernization*
- ✓ *the land, air and water that have been damaged by human abuse*
- ✓ *good relations between Muslims and Christians*
- ✓ *an end to oppression and violence.*

Prayers

*(Afghanistan: from A Procession of Prayers -
Meditations and Prayers from Around the World,
compiled by John Carden, © by Cassell, London, and WCC Geneva.)*

And so, that is why, at nightfall when my people are asleep, kneeling barefoot, close to the altar of my little chapel, I become their intercessor - like Abraham, Jacob, Moses, like Jesus. A stick of sandalwood sends forth its fragrance, the symbol of all of those who today are worn out with their labours in suffering, or in love. And I am there, weighed down with all the faults of my people, afflicted with all their sorrows, heavy with all their hopes - all of those who today have fallen asleep thinking only to meet a Judge - to them I present him as their Saviour, and I introduce them to the eternal Nuptials. All those little children who were born this day, I make children of God. All the prayers said today in the homes, the mosques, I transform into an "Our Father". My heart is nothing more than the melting pot, where, in the fire of Christ's love, all the dross of my people is turned into gold - and through my lips it is the whole of Afghanistan who cries that "Abba" to the Father that the Holy Spirit inspires.

(Mongolia. With All God's People, compiled by John Carden, WCC, 1989, p.65.)

O God,
that we may receive your blessing,
touch our brows, touch our heads,
and do not look upon us in anger.
In a hard year be our mercy;
in a year of affliction, be our kindness;
dark spirits banish from us;
bright spirits bring close to us;
grey spirits put away from us;
good spirits draw near to us.
When I am afraid, be my courage;
when I am ashamed, be my true face;
be thou over me like a blanket,
be thou under me like a bed of furs.