

Easter 5
Sunday 28 April 2024
8 am Holy Eucharist

The Book of Common Prayer Communion service is found in the accompanying seasonal booklet.
The Congregation joins in on the bold font.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray:

**God of deep soil and luxurious growth,
you call us from our shallow selves
to find our depth in you;
may we abide in him alone
who can teach us who we are,
Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.**

The First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

The Epistle is taken from the first Letter of John, chapter four, beginning at the seventh verse:

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

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

abide in God. ¹⁶ So 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. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There 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. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those 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. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Gradual Psalm: 22:25-31

25 Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation;
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
they that seek after the LORD shall praise him;
may your heart live for ever.

27 ALL the ends of the world shall remember,
and be turned unto the LORD;
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S,
and he is the Governor among the nations.

29 Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down;
and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust,
and he that cannot keep his soul alive.

30 Their posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.

31 And men shall declare his righteousness
unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

The Lord be with you,
and with thy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide 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. ⁵ I 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to thee, O Christ.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Readings for 5 May 2024: *Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17*



This Week at HTC

Wednesday 1 May 2024

9:30 am Holy Eucharist
followed with coffee and conversation (Lounge)
10:30-11:30 am Bible Study (Lounge)

Thursday 2 May 2024

5.30 pm Vespers (Zoom)
7:30 pm Choir Practice (Lounge)

Saturday 4 May 2024

11.00 am HTC Brunch Club
(Parish Hall)

Sunday 5 May 2024

8.00 am BCP Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)
10 am Choral Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

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