

**Readings for
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
9am - Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:15 am – Morning Prayer Rite I**

9 am Service

Collect of the Day

BCP 225

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 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. Love 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. 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. We love because he first loved us. 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

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The people read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

11:15 am service

Psalm 22: 24-30

C.V. Stanford

The Choir sings the Psalm.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
O praise the Lord ye that fear him;
magnify him all ye of the seed of Jacob,
and fear him all ye seed of Israel.
For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor;
he hath not hid his face from him,
but when he called unto him he heard him.
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my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
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they that seek after the Lord shall praise him;
your heart shall live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember themselves
and be turned unto the Lord;
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's;
and he is the Governor among the people.
All such as be fat upon earth;
have eaten and worshipped.
All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him;
and no man hath quickened his own soul.
My seed shall serve him;
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness;
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.
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 Lessons

First Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

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