

Alongsiders' Prayers for May 2021

MAY 02, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. John 15: 5

Scripture Readings:

- Acts 8: 26-40
- Psalm 22: 24-30
- 1 John 4: 7-21
- John 15: 1-8

These scriptures teach us of our vital connection with God. Like the branches of the fruit tree, we are connected to God and live for Him. He prunes all that is not good in us, and makes room for only the good. We then flourish and grow in faith and love of God and each other. Let us not grow tired of learning about God and His great love for us as we journey together here on earth.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of His commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

To produce fruit we need to be joined to the true vine. Let us pray to the Lord God almighty in whom we live and move and have our being.

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Father, we want to produce good fruit in abundance. Nurture us as branches of the true vine, train and prune us as necessary. May our spiritual harvest make rich wine, wine of your kingdom.

Your kingdom let it come! Your will let it be done!

Father, clearly we see around our world the tragic and expensive consequences of branches cut off from the true vine. We pray for a seeking after your truth, and a desire to act rightly and justly in all areas of human society.

Your kingdom let it come! Your will let it be done!

Father, we pray for those to whom we are linked by family, friendships or work. Especially, we pray for those separated from their loved ones or their homes.

Your kingdom let it come! Your will let it be done!

Father, we long for healing and wholeness in all who suffer, especially during this covid crisis. In all our communities, guide us to understand how we might be a part of this healing.

Your kingdom let it come! Your will let it be done!

Father, we know that death cannot separate us from your love. In that knowledge, we commend to your keeping those who have died and all who miss them.

Your kingdom let it come! Your will let it be done!

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Father, we thank you that we can live in the joyful freedom of your love as we dedicate ourselves to serving others. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

I Am The Bread The Bread Of Life;
Who Comes To Me Will Never Hunger.
I Am The Bread, The Bread Of Heaven;
Who Feeds On Me Will Never Die.
And As You Eat, Remember Me,
My Body Broken On The Tree:
My Life Was Given To Set You Free,
And I'm Alive For Evermore.

I Am The Vine, The Living Vine;
Apart From Me You Can Do Nothing.
I Am The Vine, The Real Vine:
Abide In Me And I In You.
And As You Drink, Remember Me,
My Blood Was Shed Upon The Tree:
My Life Was Given To Set You Free,
And I'm Alive For Evermore.

So Eat This Bread And Drink This Wine,
And As You Do, Receive This Life Of Mine.
All That I Am, I Give To You, that you may live for ever more.

Brian R. Hoare

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MAY 09, 2021

MOTHER'S DAY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15: 12

Scripture Readings:

- Acts 10: 44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5: 16
- John 15: 9-17

Jesus is our model for love. He commanded us to love, to love one another, but also we should not be surprised if people don't love us because the Pharisees did not love Jesus. They wanted to murder Him. There is a lot of hatred in our world today, but we must be strong in the Lord to overcome all obstacles to His grace and mercy. Love is stronger than hate. God is Lord of love and, in Him alone, is mercy and salvation.

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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We are to love one another as Jesus loves us. Knowing God's love and affection for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, wherever there is friction and conflict in the Church, and communities are divided and weakened, give us a greater longing for your healing and a deeper commitment for forgiving love.

Help us, Lord: to love one another.

Father, wherever tangled political situations seem impossible to solve; wherever confliction interests threaten peace; wherever the ears of the powerful remain insulated against the cries of the oppressed, give us ears to hear your guidance.

Help us, Lord: to love one another.

Father, wherever families are dysfunctional or children in danger; wherever the daily living conditions are damaging to health and self-respect, let your kingdom come.

Help us, Lord: to love one another.

Father, wherever the ill and injured need comfort and assistance; wherever the elderly and household sit each day for hours alone, may we bring your love and help.

Help us, Lord: to love one another.

Father, wherever people are travelling that last journey of death, may they be surrounded by your love and welcomed into your heaven. May those who mourn be comforted.

Help us, Lord: to love one another.

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A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. We pray you give each mom strength. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. May each mother find rest in you.



"She is clothed with strength and dignity, she can laugh at days to come. She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed."

Proverbs 31: 25-28

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MAY 16, 2021 - ASCENSION SUNDAY - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you."

John 14: 18

Scripture Readings:

- Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26
- Psalm 1
- 1 John 5: 9-13
- John 17: 6-19

We stand up for what we believe. We give God praise, honour and glory. We live in obedience to His word which guides, protects and grants us wisdom. We belong to Him and He wants us in the shelter of His wings to keep us safe. His love is everlasting and eternal.

Collect: Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as He promised, He abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Although now hidden from our sight, Jesus lives for ever, and in Him we can live the resurrection life even while here on earth. Let us pray together to our heavenly Father knowing His love for us.

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Father, we want to live your way and do your will, offer you true worship, and serve one another in love. Empower your Church to do this, we pray. Live in us, transform us.

Lord, we wait on you: fill us, Holy Spirit of God.

Father, we want our world to display your love and truth, justice and mercy. We want to break down walls of prejudice and build bridges of reconciliation and trust.

And build bridges of reconciliation and trust. Empower your world, we pray. Live in us, transform us.

Lord, we wait on you: fill us, Holy Spirit of God.

Father, we want our children to be safely and lovingly nurtured, our elderly valued, our homes to be places of welcome and warmth. Empower your people, we pray. Live in us, transform us.

Lord, we wait on you: fill us, Holy Spirit of God.

Father, we ask your healing for those whose lives are aching and weary, your comfort and reassurance for all who are imprisoned by fears and hate. Empower these lives, we pray. Live in us, transform us.

Lord, we wait on you: fill us, Holy Spirit of God.

Father, we want to commit our loved ones who have died into your safe keeping for ever. Prepare us all, Father, to live with you in heaven.

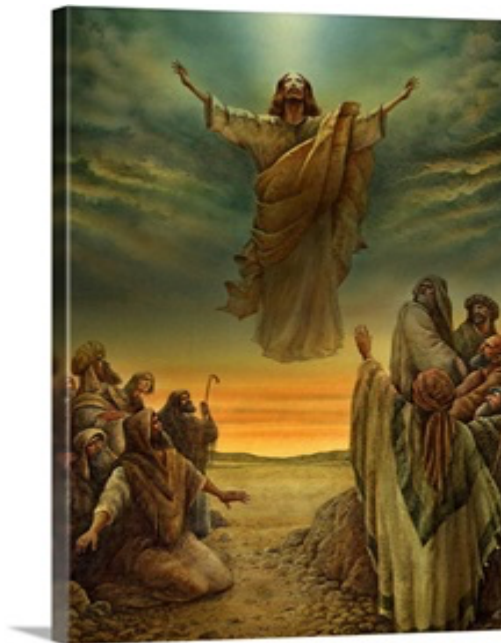
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Father, we want to worship and praise you with our voices and our lives. Shape us to your purpose and use us. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace



*Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore!*

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MAY 23, 2021

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.”

Scripture Readings:

- Ezekiel 37: 1-14
- Psalm 104: 25-35
- Acts 2: 1-21
- John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

We are foretold of Ezekiel’s vision of restoration of God’s people in the valley of dry bones. God is in control of all who love Him. He sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Peter proclaimed how this was spoken by the prophet Joel that salvation would continue to end of age. The disciples witnessed the works of the Holy Spirit, and preached the truth to all believers, that joy, love and peace would dwell within them for ever to the end of age, by Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sing praises to God while we live here on earth until we live with Him in heaven one day! Bless the Lord O my soul, praise His Holy Name!

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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The Holy Spirit of God is poured out in power on the disciples just as Jesus promised. In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

For a fresh in-breathing of life and power in each Church community which breaks down our barriers, and sets us on fire with God's love.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

For the grace to see this world and its needs and problems through the eyes of love, hope, justice and mercy; for the grace to abandon prejudice and build bridges of reconciliation.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

For the spirit of loving kindness to fill our homes, schools and places of work; for family rifts to be healed and long standing conflicts resolved.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

For the restoration of those who are sick to wholeness and well-being; for courage and patience in all suffering, and for good to be distilled from every painful, destructive experience.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

For God's merciful judgement on those who have died, and the opportunity for us all to prepare carefully for meeting God face to face.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

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For a deeper knowledge and love of the God, who knows us and loves us completely. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

Holy Spirit, breathe on me,
Until my heart is clean;
Let sunshine fill its inmost part,
with not a cloud between.

Breathe on me, breathe on me,
Holy Spirit, breathe on me;
Take thou my heart, cleanse every part,
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

Holy Spirit, breathe on me,
My stubborn will subdue;
Teach me in words of living flame
what Christ would have me do.

Holy Spirit, breathe on me,
Fill me with power divine;
Kindle a flame of love and zeal
within this heart of mine.

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MAY 30, 2021

TRINITY SUNDAY

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of host; the whole earth is full of His glory.”
Isaiah 6:3

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

Today we celebrate the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The one true God, our King, who sits on His throne. We are given new life in Jesus, who was sent as a sacrificial lamb on our behalf because of His love. The Holy Spirit abides in each one of us, who has more power beyond our understanding.

Collect: Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Let us pray to the Father, through the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Lord God, may the Church reflect your community and unity; may there be Godly harmony, shared ministry, mutual support and encouragement in the faith.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, may the world's leaders seek not personal power, but public good; may conflicts be faced honestly and needs recognized and met; may all our communities be built up on what is good, true, just and right.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, may there be love and respect for one another in every household; may there be mutual support and thoughtfulness, consideration and trust.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, may the hearts' cries for help be heard; the tears collected and the fears quieted; may suffering be eased and guilt erased through your healing love.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, may the dead rise to new and eternal life, freed from their aching and restored for ever.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, we pour out to you our praise and wonder at the hidden mysterious holiness of your being, so full of glory and love! Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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