

Sunday Supplement ❀ May 5, 2024

❀ Sixth Sunday of Easter ❀

TODAY'S MUSIC (IOAM only)

Gathering Hymn: "Earth and All Stars," verses 1 - 5

Blue Hymnal #412

Song of Praise: "Earth and All Stars," verse 6

Blue Hymnal #412

Gospel Song: "Abide with me," verses 1 - 3

Blue Hymnal #662

Offertory Hymn: "I come with joy"

Blue Hymnal #304

Communion Hymn: "The kingdom of God is justice and peace"

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Sending Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Blue Hymnal #390

❀ *Our worship begins in your Easter Season booklet.* ❀

Short Seasonal Reading

Read by a child, when possible

Let us chant Alleluia, here in this world, in the midst of dangers and temptations. O blessed Alleluias of Heaven! No more anguish, no more adversity. No more enemies, no more love of destruction. Up above, praise to God, and here below, praise to God. Here we chant Alleluia in hope; there in Heaven, in fulfillment. Here it is Alleluia on the journey; there it is Alleluia on arriving home.

Augustine, 5th century

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Scripture readings.

The First Lesson: Acts chapter 15, selected verses

The reading will be read twice, with time for reflection.

Reader A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, telling stories about the conversion of the Gentiles to everyone. Their reports thrilled the brothers and sisters. When they arrived in Jerusalem, the church, the apostles, and the elders all welcomed them. They gave a full report of what God had accomplished through their activity. But some believers from among the Pharisees stood up and claimed, "The Gentiles must be circumcised. They must be required to keep the Law from Moses."

The apostles and the elders gathered to consider this matter. After much debate, Peter stood and addressed them, "Fellow believers, you know that, early on, God chose me from among you as the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and come to believe. God, who knows people's deepest thoughts and desires, confirmed this by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. God made no distinction between us and them, but purified their deepest thoughts and desires through faith. Why then are you now challenging God by placing a burden on the shoulders of these disciples that

neither we nor our ancestors could bear? On the contrary, we believe that we and they are saved in the same way, by the grace of the Lord Jesus.”

The entire assembly fell quiet as they listened to Barnabas and Paul describe all the signs and wonders God did among the Gentiles through their activity. When Barnabas and Paul also fell silent, James responded, “Fellow believers, listen to me. Simon Peter has reported how, in kindness, God came to the Gentiles in the first place, to raise up from them a people of God. The prophets’ words agree with this; as it is written, “... The rest of humanity will seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who belong to me. Therefore, I conclude that we shouldn’t create problems for Gentiles who turn to God.”

The apostles and the elders, along with the entire church, agreed to send some delegates chosen from among themselves to Antioch, together with Paul and Barnabas. They also selected Judas Barsabbas and Silas, who were leaders among the brothers and sisters. They were to carry this letter:

‘The apostles and the elders, to the Gentile brothers and sisters in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. Greetings! We’ve heard that some of our number have disturbed you with unsettling words we didn’t authorize. We reached a united decision to select some delegates and send them to you along with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul... The Holy Spirit has led us to the decision that no burden should be placed on you other than these essentials: refuse food offered to idols, blood, the meat from strangled animals, and sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid such things. Farewell.’

When Barnabas, Paul, and the delegates were sent on their way, they went down to Antioch. They gathered the believers and delivered the letter. The people read it, delighted with its encouraging message.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98:5-10

8AM: Spoken

Shout with joy to God, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to God with the harp,

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,

the lands and those who dwell therein.

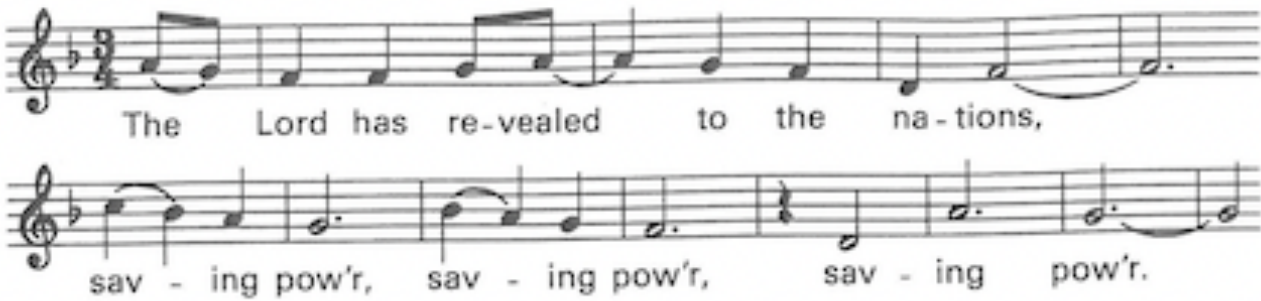
Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before God,

who will come to judge the earth.

God shall judge the world in righteousness

and the peoples with equity.

PSALM 98: THE LORD HAS REVEALED



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| <p>1. Sing a new song, all you lands,
of the marvelous deeds of the Lord.
Salvation is born of God's right hand
and holy arm.</p> <p>2. The saving power of God
has been revealed to all the lands.
His kindness and truth
forever faithful to the house of Israel.</p> | <p>3. All of the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of God.
Shout to the Lord, dance for joy,
sing your praise.</p> <p>4. Play out your song on the harp,
create a melodious song.
With trumpets and horn
acclaim our King and our God.</p> |
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The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

The congregation stands.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

IOAM: Gospel Song: "Abide with me," verses 1 - 3

Blue Hymnal #662



Communion song

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your - king - dom. The

(Last time ♪)

(Last time ♪)

Prayer List

For all essential workers and healthcare workers: Carol, Anna, Clara, Jenileigh, Holly, Tim, Kieran, Crystal, Alexis, Carrie, Jim, Jake, Krista, Linda, Sean, Cynthia, Tracy, Mike, Hayden, Cass, Misty, John, Becca, Amy, Jess, James, Debra, Eric, Madelynn.

For those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: Matthew, Suzanne, Pamela, Barbara, Vita, Scott, Sandy, Ben, Michael, Dwight, Kay, Debby, Kathy, John, Joe, April, Marvalene, Barbara, Bernice, Katie, and Joanne. We pray as well for those living with addiction and those struggling in recovery, and for all those living with mental illness.

For all who have died, and for those who mourn.

For these people serving our country: Zoe, Dennis, Liam, Conner, Eric, Luke, Nicholas, Joseph, Diane, and Sam and their families.