

The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 May 2021

Celebrants

Sat 6pm, Sun 8:15am (St Anne's) & 5pm: Fr John Sebastian OMI
Sun 8am & 11am: Fr Angelo Wijewickrama OMI

Cantor

Sat 6pm: Aquinas College Schola – Hugh Lydon (director);
Sun 8am & 11am: Sophie Rodgers; 5pm: Wini Taylor-Williams

Organist and Director of Music

Dominic Perissinotto

ENTRANCE HYMN

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God, your glory we have seen in your Son,
full of truth, full of heavenly grace;
in Christ make us live, his love shine on our face,
and the nations shall see in us the triumph you have won.

- 1 In the fields of this world his good news he has sown,
and send us out to reap till the harvest is done.

Refrain

- 2 In his love like a fire that consumes he passed by,
the flame has touched our lips: let us shout, 'Here am I!'

Refrain

- 3 He was broken for us, God-forsaken his cry,
and still the bread he breaks: to ourselves we must die.

Refrain

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (6pm, 8am, 11am & 5pm sung)

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of John 1 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (6pm, 8am, 11am & 5pm sung)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit

he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit

he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,

and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

6pm Sat: Ralph Vaughan Williams – The Call (from Five Mystical Songs);

8am & 11am Sun: Howard Goodall – The Lord is My Shepherd;

COMMUNION MUSIC

Sat 6pm: Ralph Vaughan Williams – O Taste and See & Ubi Caritas (plainsong)

Sun 8am & 11am: Johann Sebastian Bach – “Jesus bleibet meine Freude” (Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring) from Cantata 147 Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life) BWV 147

Sun 5pm: Felix Mendelssohn – “O Rest in the Lord” from Elijah Op 70

POST COMMUNION HYMN

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| 1 Now let us from this table rise
Renewed in body, mind, and soul;
With Christ we die and live again,
His selfless love has made us whole. | 3 To fill each human house with love,
It is the sacrament of care;
The work that Christ began to do
We humbly pledge ourselves to share. |
| 2 With minds alert, upheld by grace,
To spread the word in speech and deed,
We follow in the steps of Christ,
At one with all in hope and need. | 4 Then give us courage, Father God,
To choose again the pilgrim way
And help us to accept with joy
The challenge of tomorrow’s day. |

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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| 1 Glorious in majesty, holy in His praises,
Jesus, our saviour and our king.
Born a man, yet God of old,
let us all adore Him:
Filled with His spirit, let us sing. | 2 Victory He won for us, freeing us from darkness,
dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now,
yet He is among us:
We are the body, He the head. |
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Living is to love Him,
serving Him to know His freedom.
Come along with us
to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now,
go to live His word rejoicing.

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| 3 Brethren, we live in love,
living with each other
gladly we share each other’s pain.
Yet He will not leave us so,
soon He is returning,
Taking us back with Him to reign. |
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ORGAN POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach – Fugue in D Major BWV 532

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God, your glory we have seen in your Son

Words & Music: Richard Connolly

Responsorial Psalm

Music: Resp. Frank Schoen; Ps. Lawrence Bévenot OSB

Now Let Us from this Table Rise

Words: Fredrik Herman Kaan; Music: Robert Jackson

Glorious in majesty

Words: Jeff Cothran; Music: Shibbolet Basadeh – Traditional Jewish Melody arr Jeff Cothran