



Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Parish
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 2, 2021

OPENING HYMN

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child, of God,
Forgiven, loved, and free.
The life of Jesus to recall,
In love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9: 26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,
but they were all afraid of him,
not believing that he was a disciple.
Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles,
and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord,
and that he had spoken to him,
and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.
He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem,
and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.
He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists,
but they tried to kill him.
And when the brothers learned of this,
they took him down to Caesarea
and sent him on his way to Tarsus.
The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace.
It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32*

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

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.
The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him:
“May your hearts live forever!”

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

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

SECOND READING *1 Jn 3: 18-24*

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.
And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL *Jn 15: 1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples:
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.
You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.
Remain in me, as I remain in you.
Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own
unless it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
will be thrown out like a branch and wither;
people will gather them and throw them into a fire
and they will be burned.
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.
By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN *All That is Hidden*

If you would follow me,
follow where life will lead:
do not look for me among the dead,
for I am hidden in pain,
risen in love;
there is no harvest without sowing of grain.

If you would honor me,
honor the least of these:
you will not find me dressed in finery.
My Word cries out to be heard;
breaks through the world:
my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart.

Refrain

All that is hidden will be made clear.
All that is dark now will be revealed.
What you have heard in the dark
proclaim in the light;
what you hear in whispers
proclaim from the housetops.

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - THE LORD'S PRAYER - SIGN OF PEACE - LAMB OF GOD - COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Remain in Me*

Remain in me, as I remain in you.
You may ask what you will, ask what you will,
and you shall receive.

As the Father loved me, so have I loved you.
Remain in my love, remain in my love,
and I will give you life.

If you are my friends, you will live my commands.
There is no greater love, no greater love
to lay down your life for your friends.

Refrain

I will be the vine and you will be the branches.
All you who live in me will never, never die.
I will be the sign, I will offer many chances;
so live, oh live in me and you shall have new life.

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CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the Church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God's name.
As we witness to the gospel,
We would build a bridge of care,
Joining hands across the nations,
Finding neighbors ev'rywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, list'ning Spirit,
We would live to God's delight.

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