

Sunday 2nd May 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

Prayer for the day

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the
power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom
of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading Psalm 98

[1] Oh sing to the LORD a
new song, for he has done
marvellous things! His right hand
and his holy arm have worked
salvation for him.

[2] The LORD has made
known his salvation; he has
revealed his righteousness in the
sight of the nations.

[3] He has remembered
his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel. All the ends
of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.

[4] Make a joyful noise to
the LORD, all the earth; break
forth into joyous song and sing
praises!

[5] Sing praises to the
LORD with the lyre, with the lyre
and the sound of melody!

[6] With trumpets and the
sound of the horn make a joyful
noise before the King, the LORD!

[7] Let the sea roar, and all
that fills it; the world and those
who dwell in it!

[8] Let the rivers clap their
hands; let the hills sing for joy
together

[9] before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the
earth. He will judge the world
with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.
(ESV)

Second Reading 1 John 5:1–6

[1] Everyone who believes that
Jesus is the Christ has been
born of God, and everyone
who loves the Father loves
whoever has been born of him.

[2] By this we know that we
love the children of God, when
we love God and obey his
commandments. [3] For this is
the love of God, that we keep
his commandments. And his
commandments are not
burdensome. [4] For everyone
who has been born of God
overcomes the world. And this
is the victory that has
overcome the world—our
faith. [5] Who is it that
overcomes the world except
the one who believes that Jesus
is the Son of God?

[6] This is he who came by
water and blood—Jesus Christ;
not by the water only but by
the water and the blood. And
the Spirit is the one who
testifies, because the Spirit is
the truth. (ESV)

Gospel Reading John 15:9–17

[9] As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you. Abide in
my love. [10] 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. [11]
These things I have spoken to
you, that my joy may be in
you, and that your joy may be
full.

[12] “This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I
have loved you. [13] Greater love
has no one than this, that someone
lay down his life for his friends.
[14] You are my friends if you do
what I command you. [15] No
longer do I call you servants, for
the servant does not know what
his master is doing; but I have
called you friends, for all that I
have heard from my Father I have
made known to you. [16] You did
not choose me, but I chose you
and appointed you that you
should go and bear fruit and that
your fruit should abide, so that
whatever you ask the Father in
my name, he may give it to you.
[17] These things I command you,
so that you will love one another.
(ESV)

Final Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

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