

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation Hymn CP 56

Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

Tune: Picket Wood

**Today's Bulletin is in Loving Memory of
David Ritchie Chipman from the family*

Hymn during Communion CP 553

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love;

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Source: *The Taizé Community*

Sending Hymn CP 425

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Tune: Hymn to Joy

Postlude: *The Trees of the Field* (CP 662)

Dauermann/Webb

When Philip asks; "Do you understand what you are reading?" It is a question I think all of us struggle to answer. When the words we read are not always supportive of our experience, how do we interpret them? Do we really believe what Jesus says; "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."? Is it enough to trust that we are grafted to the vine?

All Is Not Lost

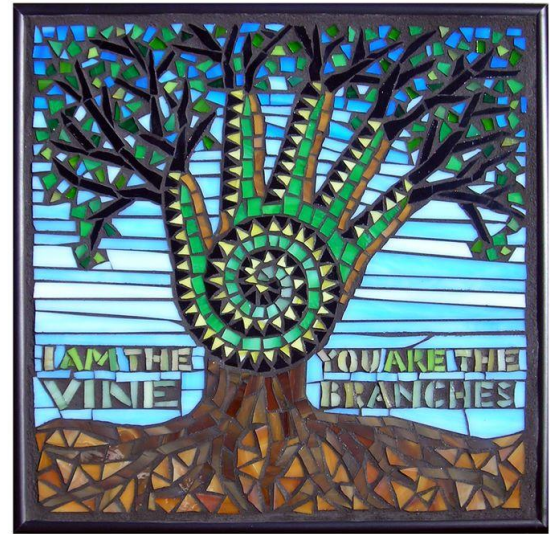
When
I cannot say
all is well
or all is known,
help me say
all is held.
So I never believe
all is lost.

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The Cathedral Church of All Saints



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Instrumental Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)/Wolfgang Birtol

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: CP 498

How Lovely Is Their Dwelling Place

Tune: Brother James' Air

Children's Message



Collect

O God,
you give us the Son as the vine,
apart from whom we cannot live.
Nourish our life in his resurrection,
so that we bear the fruit of love
and know the fullness of your joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Reader A reading from the book of Acts (8:26-40)

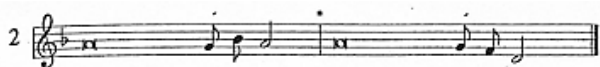
Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Chant 2



My praise is of him in the / great assembly;*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those Who / worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
And those who see the / Lord shall praise him:.*
“**May your heart / live forever!**”

All the ends of the earth shall remember
And turn / to the Lord,.*
**And all the families of the nations
Shall / bow before him.**

For kingship belongs / to the Lord;.*
He rules/ over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth
Bow / down in worship;.*
All who go down to the dust / fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;
My descen-/dants shall serve him;.*
They shall be known as the / Lord’s forever.

They shall come and make known
To a people / yet unborn*
The saving deeds that / he has done.

Gradual Hymn CP 412

O God, Beyond All Face and Form

Tune: Melita

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John (15:1-8)

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

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.