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**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

REFLECTION

Abiding in Jesus is not a work that needs each moment the mind to be engaged, or the affections to be directly and actively occupied with it. It is an entrusting of oneself to the keeping of the Eternal Love, in the faith that it will abide near us, and with its holy presence watch over us and ward off the evil, even when we have to be most intently occupied with other things. And so, the heart has rest and peace and joy in the consciousness of being kept when it cannot keep itself.

~ Andrew Murray

PRELUDE

Chorale from Cantata 129

J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750), arr. Mark Scott

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

HYMN No. 409

“God Is Here!”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.
Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In Unison*)

Gracious God, there come those moments when we stand exposed, our failings, our hurtful words, our harmful ways open for all to see. You give us the Word that turns us again and again to you. You give us Jesus who is the greatest manifestation of your word, your love, and your purpose. Help us to live fully as baptized people, those grafted into Jesus the branch, the crucified and risen One. Forgive us, Vine Grower. You have planted those seeds of mercy, of hope, of grace deep within us, so we might bear rich and nourishing fruit for others. May we not get in the way of your Gardener, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who will use the Holy Spirit to bring forth an abundant crop.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ abides in you! The Lord is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come. This is the good news for us!

As Christ is in us, so we can live, work, care for others, so that love, hope and joy might touch all people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN NO. 535

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all God's benefits.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 6:24-32, 7:6-10

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Believe"

arr. Society for the Preservation and Encouragement
of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

SERMON

"WIJD? Moving Us from Despairing to Declaring" Rev. William Schram

HYMN No. 533

“In the Singing”

BREAD OF PEACE

In the singing, in the silence,
In the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking,
In the presence of this table.
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer,
In the moment of acceptance,
In the heart’s cry, in the healing,
In the circle of your people.
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN NO. 592

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and God of might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed, blessed, blessed is one who comes in the name of God.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 555

“O Lamb of God”

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God,
And grant us your peace.

SHARING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gathered for worship, we are now sent to work, to find God in all the broken places and serve with healing and hope. Having gathered to listen, we are now sent to speak, to share the words of Jesus about forgiveness and support. Gathered for prayer, we are now sent to live, to take goodness and mercy and anoint everyone with these gifts of the Spirit. Amen

HYMN NO. 538

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” HALELUYA PELO TSA RENO

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
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Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread:
Give to all who thirst and hunger.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out,
Strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful Gospel.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
All our hearts are filled with gladness.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

arr. Paul Manz

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy

Noel A. Piercy

Susan Jones

Paul Salierno, Cantor

The Dapper Dans of Harmony, Director - Joe Servidio, Jr.

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers