



2nd May 2021- Easter 5 Yr B
History book launch

Welcome:

Greeting:

As we celebrate the risen Christ,
May the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Let's take a moment to be still and aware of the God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

We light this light to remind us that Christ is with us.
Christ is always with us.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come to abide in Christ.

We are branches and we want to bear much fruit.

We come to be abide in Christ

We abide in Christ, and Christ's words abide in us.

We come to abide in Christ

We gather today to worship the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

As God lovingly tends us, may we grow wildly and freely.

Opening Prayer:

God of love,

plant us in the soil of your grace.

Nurture us with the strength of Christ,
the vine of everlasting life.

Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,
which flows through us today and all days.

Abide in us,

that we may abide in you

and live in your love.

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen

Song: Come let us bow

1. Come let us bow, let us kneel before our maker,
for God is our God, and we are his people.
Come let us bow, let us kneel before our maker,
for God is our God, and we are the flock in her care.

Chorus:

Come let us sing to the Lord.

Let us sing for joy to the Rock.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving in our hearts,
and extol God's name with our song.

2. Our Lord and God is the King above all gods.
With His hands God has formed all of creation.
All the seas are God's, all the mountains God has fashioned.
Let us bow before our King, let us kneel before the maker of all.

Chorus:

Come let us sing to the Lord.
Let us sing for joy to the Rock.
Let us come to God with thanksgiving in our hearts,
and extol God's name with our song.

We will give praise, we will adore
We will bow down to the Lord x4

End: We will extol God's name with our song.

Song: I am the vine

You are the vine,
we are the branches,
keep us abiding in You.
You are the vine,
we are the branches,
keep us abiding in You.
And we'll go, *and we'll go,*
in Your love, *in Your love,*
and we'll go, *and we'll go,*
in Your name, *in Your name,*
that the world, *that the world,*
will surely know, *will surely know,*
that You have the power to heal,
and to save.

Prayer of Confession:

We come to God ,

knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus to love God and one another with our whole hearts; but we come also to a God who reaches out to us with healing and reconciliation.

In this knowledge, let us pray

We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus the true vine, with his roots eternally grounded in you. We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into him, to be branches on a vine which bears the loveliest of all the fruits of earth.

Yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live. Please forgive us when we grow away from you, when we neglect to draw deeply on the water of life, when we wander instead of grow and for the apathy which grows little fruit.

Have mercy on us. Heal our diseases and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and he in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which is our true purpose. For your Name's sake.

Amen

Words of Assurance:

Jesus says: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Hear then the words of Jesus to us:
'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God

Peace:

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you
And also with you.

Song: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
and take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with help and mercy
to those who suffer wrong,
to raise the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls condemned and dying
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is love.

Moment for the young at heart:

St David's History Book Launch:

Bible Readings:

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love^[a] because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters,^[b] are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister^[c] whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters^[d] also.

John 15:1-8

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed^[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will

be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples.

In this is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

'Freddo' Moment: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

God of great gifts:
With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our minds are tuned to your song of peace.
We joyfully give these gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come.

Amen.

Song: Love divine all loves excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Benediction & Blessing:

Go now, and love one another,
because love is from God.
Remain in Jesus Christ,
and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.

And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful;
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

3-fold-Amen

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