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The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Branches of the Vine

Thank you for viewing our online bulletin for January 22, 2023. Full texts of the readings and hymns are provided below.

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"I am the true vine!" Jesus uses images of vines and vine dressing – resonant in the life of the people – to reveal powerful truths about life in God. They speak to us, as well, about living faithfully today ... trusting ourselves to the ministry of the Vine Dresser; abiding in the One who is at once the source and unity of all people and all creation. God's invitation to us in Christ is simply to remain connected: "Stay connected to the vine," Jesus says. Remain rooted in the Source of all goodness and grace, and we will have life!

Prelude

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The Gentle Healer

Mixed Blessings

The gentle Healer came into our town today
He touched blind eyes and the darkness left to stay
But more than the blindness, He took their sins away
The gentle Healer came into our town today

The gentle Healer came into our town today
He spoke one word, that was all He had to say
And the one who had died Just rose up straight away
The gentle Healer came into our town today

Oh, He seems like just an ordinary man
With dirty feet and rough but gentle hands
But the words He says are hard to understand
And yet, He seems like just an ordinary man

The Gentle Healer He left our town today
I just looked around and found He'd gone away
Some folks from town who followed Him, they say
That the gentle Healer is The Truth, the Light, the Way
The gentle Healer is The Truth, the Light, the Way

Welcome and Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Litany

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah, his family, and the animals survive the flood. Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all your beloved creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin that is within us and drown the evil that surrounds us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Welcome

Song of Celebration

Seek Ye First

Mixed Blessings --- Verses: 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The light and love of Creator God embodied in the life of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

God of creation, you are the well-spring and source of all life. Help us to discover ourselves rooted and growing in you. Help us to bear fruit as branches of the True Vine of life, through which you bless all the earth: Jesus Christ, our savior and lord. **Amen.**

The Readings

First Reading

Hosea 14:4-7

4 I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. 5 I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. 6 His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. 7 They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

Psalm Antiphon

This is the Day

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This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice, let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 80:7-15

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

Antiphon

11 It sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. 12 Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? 13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. 14 Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see. 15 Have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

Antiphon

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

3 And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? 4 For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. 9 For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Gospel Acclamation

Sing Alleluia

Mixed Blessings

Sing alleluia

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Sing alleluia to the Lord (2x)

Sing His Praise

Sing His Praise

Sing alleluia to the Lord

The Gospel

John 15:1-9

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed 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 my disciples.

The Message

Children's Message

Sermon

Time of Reflection

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ad libitum

Song of the Day

Jesus Name Above All Names

Mixed Blessings --- Verses: All

Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us
Blessed Redeemer, living Word

Jesus loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Beloved Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
who descended to the dead,
and on the third day rose again;
who ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and will come again to make whole the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Special Music

The Vine and the Branches

Mixed Blessings

I was walking through a park in New York City
When I saw some purple grapes, they were so pretty
You know I couldn't wait to see this wonder

So I entered through the gate to find what's in there

I walked into the center of this garden
And what I found there was true perfection
A vine was reaching out in all directions
Supporting every branch through this connection

The branches can grow (the branches can grow)
Because of the vine (because of the vine)
The flowers can flow (the flowers can flow)
Because of the vine (because of the vine)
The vine is the reason (the vine is the reason)
The grapes will season (the grapes will season)
The grapes can grow (the grapes can grow)
Because of the vine (because of the vine)

Jesus told his friends this vineyard story
How the garden was a part of God's great glory
How the Word of God is meant for sharing
And Jesus is the way to love and caring

We can grow (we can grow)
Because of the vine (because of the vine)
Love can flow (love can flow)
Because of the vine (because of the vine)
Jesus is the reason (Jesus is the reason)
Our lives will season (our lives will season)
Hearts will grow (hearts will grow)
Because of the vine (because of the vine)

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Offering Prayer

God of all, we give thanks for your grace,

Refreshment for all who will partake in it, light for all who will walk in it, strength for all who will hope in it, healing for all who have need of it, wholeness for all who will live in it.

We come bearing our gifts,

That we might be your hands in the work you are doing, your voice in the truth you reveal, to aid all who struggle, to reach out to all who are lost.

Gracious God, you generously provide all that is needed to build up your church. Receive our offerings to support the ministries of this congregation,

To be the hearts through which you love the world. Amen

Communion Liturgy

The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rienestra/Sterneman

The Grace of God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts **We lift up our hearts to God**
Let us give thanks to God! **It is good and it is right,**
our joy and our delight to give God praise
at all times and in all ways.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rienestra/Sterneman

It is with joy and delight that we give thanks for Your Grace and Love
and offer praise to you O God through Jesus Christ.
You call us to a joyful life of communion with all your creatures here on earth.
And so with all people and all creation we join together and sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rienestra/Sterneman

O holy, holy are You, God of love and light,
the heavens and the earth are filled with your love,
filled with your Grace.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in Your name
to share Your Love.
Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

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 from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Song

Jesus Let Us Come To Know You

Mixed Blessings

Jesus let us come to know You
Let us see You face to face
Touch us hold us use us mold us
Only let us live in You

Jesus draw us ever nearer
Hold us in Your loving arms
Wrap us in Your gentle presence
When the end comes bring us home

Communion Song

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Mixed Blessings

Communion Prayer

God of life and all creation, you welcome us to a table of your preparing in the midst of the world. In the gift of this Sacrament, you reveal your Christ present with us, nurturing us and strengthening us for the days ahead.

Help us to live in the light of Christ. Help us to walk in the way and the truth he reveals. Lead us forth into the world, blessed to share the gift of your love, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Sending Forth

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

Go in Peace

Baker --- Verses: 1

Go in peace, go in kindness,
go in love, go in faith.
Bless the day, the day before us
Day is here, go in grace.
Let us go into the light,
not afraid, not alone.
Let us hope with some good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
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safely to arrive at home.

Mission and Peace

Mission Response

Traveling Mercies

ALLC Mission Response --- Verses: Refrain

Go in peace
Live in grace
Trust in the arms that will hold you
Go in peace
Live in grace
Trust God's love

Postlude

Postlude

Friend Of God

Mixed Blessings

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
(It's amazing it's amazing)

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend

God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend
God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend
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