Home Devotional- April 26th-May 2nd

Introduction

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Prayer of the Day

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

Readings and Psalm

Acts 8:26-40
Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian
Psalm 22:25-31
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)
1 John 4:7-21
God's love perfected in love for one another
John 15:1-8
Christ the vine

Questions for Reflection

1. Why do you think the Isaiah passage was so provocative for the Ethiopian eunuch? (Acts 8:32-33)
2. What does it mean to you and look like for you to abide in Jesus because of the Holy Spirit? (1 John 4:13)
3. Ponder the fruit you have borne. In what ways did abiding in Christ make fruit possible? (John 15:4, 5, 8)

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN

Resources:

Text and Prayers: Sundaysandseasons.com - Questions- Workingpreacher.org