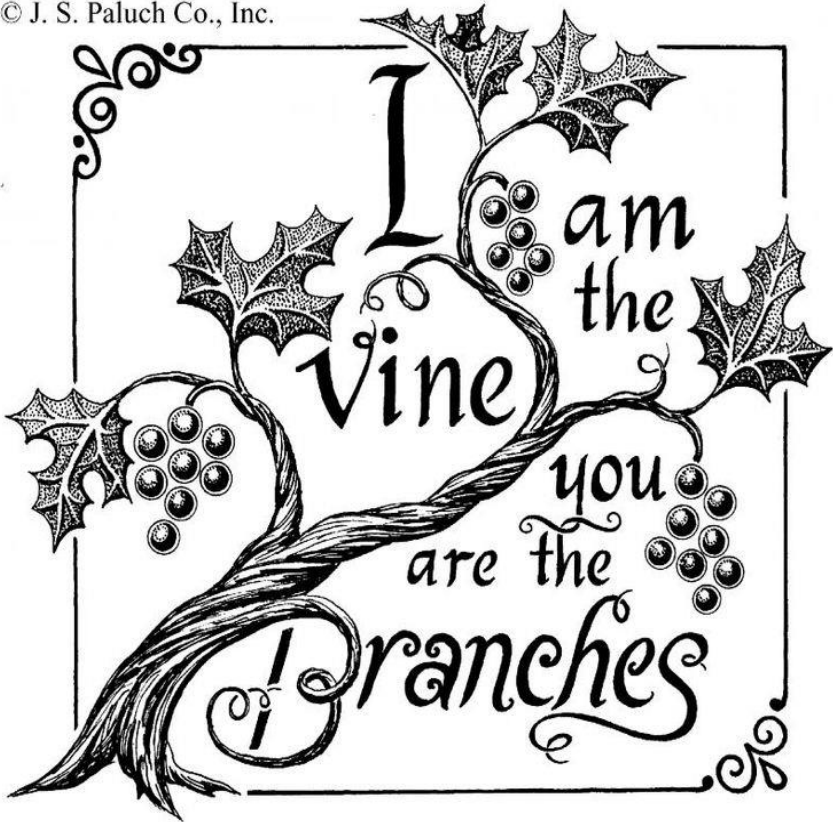


GRACE AT HOME

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THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER


THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. – John 15:4


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.




 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



 Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



 and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



 Hal - le - lu - jah!

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 150

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. How do you think God works as the vinedresser?
2. What does it mean for you to bear fruit?
3. How should we be abiding in Jesus? What does it mean to "abide"?
4. Why do other branches grow fruit and others wither and die?
5. What happens to the branches that do not abide in the vine?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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.**



TEAM 784

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4

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Sundays, 9:15am

Apr. 28th...Paul preaches in Athens

May 5th...Year Review

DAILY READINGS

Mon. – Lev. 16; Mk. 1:1-20

Tue. – Lev. 17; Mk. 1:21-45

Wed. – Lev. 19; Mk. 2

Thu. – Lev. 20; Mk. 3:1-12

Fri. – Lev. 23; Mk. 3:13-35



GOD'S WORD BY HEART

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. – Colossians 3:1

CATECHISM CORNER

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither take our neighbors' money or property nor acquire them by using shoddy merchandise or crooked deals, but instead help them to improve and protect their property and income.

Praise the Lord!

Find the 24 **bold** words from Psalm 150 (ESV)

R I I V J N C O K D C T Y L N
C L A S H I N G U A S R T T O
D E E D S W A O S N A U H E S
G O D C A D L T P C N M G P S
T A M B O U R I N E C P I I E
E T U L S I P G M A T E M P N
U V O H N O N R C I U T U W T
E R E G E I U C A H A F C H A
D S S R D A O N B H R G T U E
L D I N Y R V Y D C Y A M Q R
B H U A D T N E L L E C X E G
L O J I R K H B N R D K B C H
S G N V A P Y I B S G Y I I L
U G W T H D I A N B Q A U D D
S L A B M Y C E N G Y A X I Q

Praise the **LORD**! Praise **God** in his **sanctuary**; praise him in his **mighty heavens**! Praise him for his mighty **deeds**; praise him **according** to his **excellent greatness**! Praise him with **trumpet sound**; praise him with **lute** and **harp**! Praise him with **tambourine** and **dance**; praise him with **strings** and **pipe**! Praise him with **sounding cymbals**; praise him with **loud clashing cymbals**! Let **everything** that has **breath** praise the **LORD**!

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