# 5th Sunday of Easter Cycle B—May 2, 2021

**GATHERING HYMN: Alleluia, Love Is Alive** Hart, Manibusan, Angrisano Verses 1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; rise from vour 4 2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been 3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, 4 car - rv vour 1. sleep-ing and the tomb. Come and see! Come and run to 2. bro-ken; a - ban-don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your 3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the 1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp-ty, a 2. hearts! He is a - live! Y Here now is mer-cy em-3. world! He is a - live! Y Hear the good news of this 1. prom-ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us 2. brac-ing your soul; ful - fill - ment that once was forehere the 3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro still. He is He is here! He is a - live! 1. here! It is true! He is a - live! 2. told. It is true! 3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live! Refrair Al - le - lu ia! Love is a - live; con-quered the grave and de-feat ed the night. Al - le -lu ia! Love is a-live! The Son has a - ris - en for all. Your peo-ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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#### **GLORIA: Mass of Renewal**

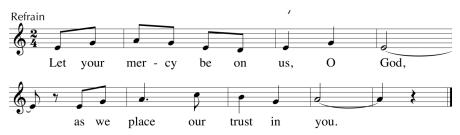
**Marty Haugen** 

### First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.
Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.
He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him.
And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

## PSALM 33: Let Your Mercy Be On Us



Verses

- 1. Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.
- 2. See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine.
- 3. Exult, you just, in the Lord, for praise is the song of the righteous! How happy the people of God, the ones whom God has chosen!
- 4. Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O God, be upon us who place our hope in you.

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## Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

## GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Jesus said to his disciples:

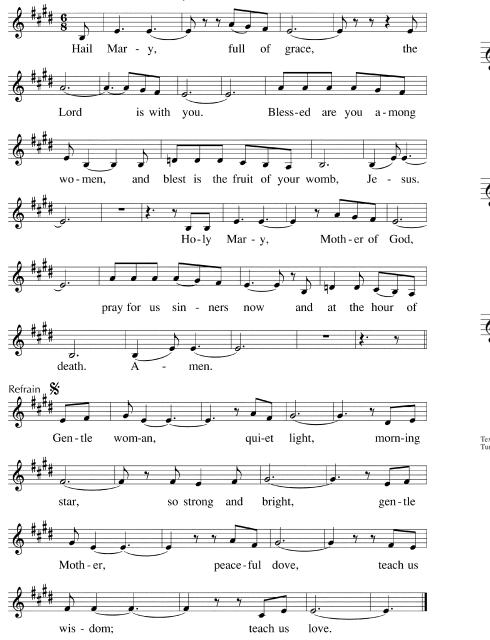
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither: people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Festival Alleluia James Chepponis Al - le- lu- ia, al - le - lu- ia, al - le- lu - ia. Al - le- lu- ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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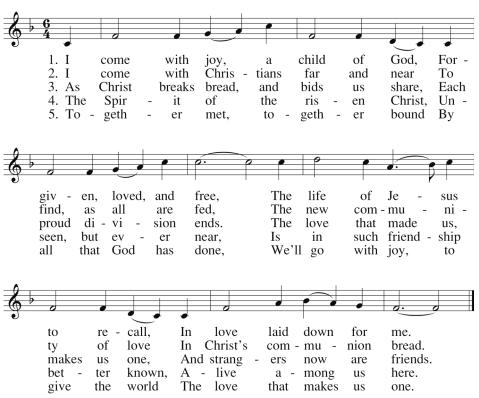
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### **COMMUNION 1: How Beautiful**

How beautiful, the hands that served, the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked, the long dusty roads, and the hill to the cross. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

How beautiful, the heart that bled, that took all my sin, and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes, that choose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

Bridge: And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrificeThat we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price,Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride, who waits for her groom, with his light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts, give the fruit of pure lives, so that others may live. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring, the sound of good news, and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve, the wine and the bread, and the sons of the earth. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

© 1990 Text and music, Twila Paris, Ariose Music and Mountain Spring Music, admin by EMI Christian Music Publishing. All rights reserved. Used with permission. CCLI Licensing #3111536 Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm the rumour. Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he loved and died to save; Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room. He whose word inspired creation is not silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night, sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright. They bemoan what is no longer, t hey expect no hopeful sign till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.