

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
**May 2, 2021**



**All Are Welcome**  
Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live A place where  
saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

**REFRAIN**  
**All are welcome, all are welcome,**  
**All are welcome in this place**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
And words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

**Penitential Rite**

**Gloria** *(Composed-Through)*

Glory, Glory to God in the highest  
Glory, Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth, peace to people of good will

We praise you we bless you we adore you we glorify you  
we give you thanks for your great glory Lord God,  
Heavenly King O God, O Almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son Lord God, Lord  
God Lamb of God Son of the Father You take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the  
sins of the world receive our prayer You are seated at  
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

For You alone are the Holy One you alone are the Lord  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ  
With the Holy Spirit In the glory of God the Father

Glory, Glory to God in the highest  
Glory, Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth, peace to people of good will  
Amen!

**I Reading** Acts 9:26-31

**Responsorial Psalm** 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
I Will Praise You, Lord, in the Assembly of Your People  
I Will Praise You, I Will Praise You.

**II Reading** I John 3:18-24

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel** John 15:1-8

**Homily**

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge 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.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

We pray to the Lord – **Risen Lord Hear Our Prayer**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

**Memorial Acclamation**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim  
your Death, O Lord until you come again, until you come  
again.

**Great Amen**

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world  
Grant us peace.

## By Our Love

Tom Kendzia

### Refrain

By our love, by our love,  
they will know we are Christians by our love.  
Not by words, but how we live,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love.

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

## Canticle of the Sun

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
And all creation is shouting for joy!  
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,  
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,  
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;  
the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne!

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,  
the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;  
they blow where they will  
they blow where they please to please the Lord!

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## TODAY'S READINGS

### 1. Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31

Today's excerpted passage gives a glimpse into the initiation of Paul's ministry of preaching. After preaching some time in Damascus, Paul presents himself to the Jerusalem church, where initially he is greeted with some suspicion. Having been accepted, Paul can now exercise his ministry with the necessary approval and support of the Jerusalem apostles. Called by God (on the road to Damascus), the minister of the Gospel (Paul) must also be called by the church (at this time, in Jerusalem). While his conversion might be

dramatic, it needed the approbation of the community.

### 2. 1 John 3: 18-24

The manner in which Jesus expressed his love must be the manner in which a follower does the same, in action and deed, not just in word, or because of some special knowledge. And through these deeds of love, God will reassure our hearts that he does not condemn us for past sins. The author presents a prescription for the road to salvation, believing in the Lord Jesus (entering into a relationship with him) and loving one another (a consequence of that relationship).

### 3. John 15: 1-8

The vine was a frequent image for the Israelites. But Jesus' use of it was unique. The Father is the vine grower, Jesus, Himself, is the vine, His disciples are the branches. Just as the vine grower is the source of life for the vine, the vine is the source of life for the branches. Discipleship is not an individual enterprise carried out in isolation and the goal of discipleship is not simply the relationship. The real goal is the fruit the relationship produces. But without the relationship the goal is unattainable and the branches will wither and die, good only for burning.

## Reflections for the Week

1. Do I experience Jesus as the vital source of my life? Do you know He is as close to you and He is to the Father?

2. What concrete deeds of love and discipleship can be seen in my life, especially during these days of the pandemic?

3. In what ways in my daily life has my relationship with Jesus borne fruit?



