

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁸ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."²⁹ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord according to John

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Intercessions

Those for whom prayer has been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger.

The people infected by the Coronavirus

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to The Pop Up Shop

- 3 John Mayhew, Vera Emeny,
- 2 Naomi. Rebecca Hayes, Bob McNess, Hedley Marsh
- 1 Ruth and Carol, Judith Everett, Mo Cobb, Joseph (2) Michael Brooke
and those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

We remember the anniversary of death of

Rod Kemp 4th may 2012
Dennis Manning 8th May 2009

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time

Judith and Kevin Bryan, Peggy and Ken Bean. Ray Cobb,
John Davies, Margaret Pearce Ellen Rogers, Pat Todd,
David and Lily Webb.

Hymns:

I am the Light whose brightness shines

¹ I am the Light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.

² I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.

³ I am the Well from whose fresh springs
life-giving water flows,
and on each side the tree of life
with leaves for healing grows.

⁴ I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,
sent down to satisfy
that hunger which cries out for food;
who eats shall never die.

⁵ I am the Vine whose branches grow
united in one root;
who dwell in me, and I in them,
shall live and bear much fruit.

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⁶ I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.

⁷ I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.

You are the vine and we are the branches,

¹ You are the vine and we are the branches,
prune and make us near more fruit.
We have been cleansed by word you have spoken;
abide with us, and we in you.

² You are the vine and we are the branches,
apart from you we are nothing at all.
Teach us to love as you have commanded
come to us now, abide in us

³ You have commanded us to love one another
there is no greater commandment than this.
No greater love has been shown to your people,
than to lay down your life for us.
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Take this moment sign and space

¹ Take this moment sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where Your love is found.

² Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.

³ Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting Your forgiveness touch,
all I can't forget.

⁴ Take the little child in me
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.

⁵ Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be Yours, and yet
let it still be me.

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