



'THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.'
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

'We pray together at home.'

The 5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

Sunday 2nd May 2021

An Act of Spiritual Communion- The Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

During this time when we may be unable to join together with our parish communities to celebrate the Eucharist, we offer you this resource as a way of engaging with the readings and prayers of the Mass. The readings are taken from the Lectionary for children.

These resources can be used whilst participating digitally in the many private Masses that priests in our diocese are offering online.

We hope you find this resource useful.

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Click here to find the full list of all online streamed Masses available throughout the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/health/coronavirus.php#area3>



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Creating a place of prayer in the home.

Light a candle and gather together with your family. You might place a Crucifix or a Holy Image next to your candle. If you have a Bible, you may like to open the Bible to the readings that are going to be used during Mass today.

Use the link on the first page of this document to access Livestreamed Masses from around the Diocese.

We Gather together as God's family and ask for His Forgiveness

*We gather together in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.*

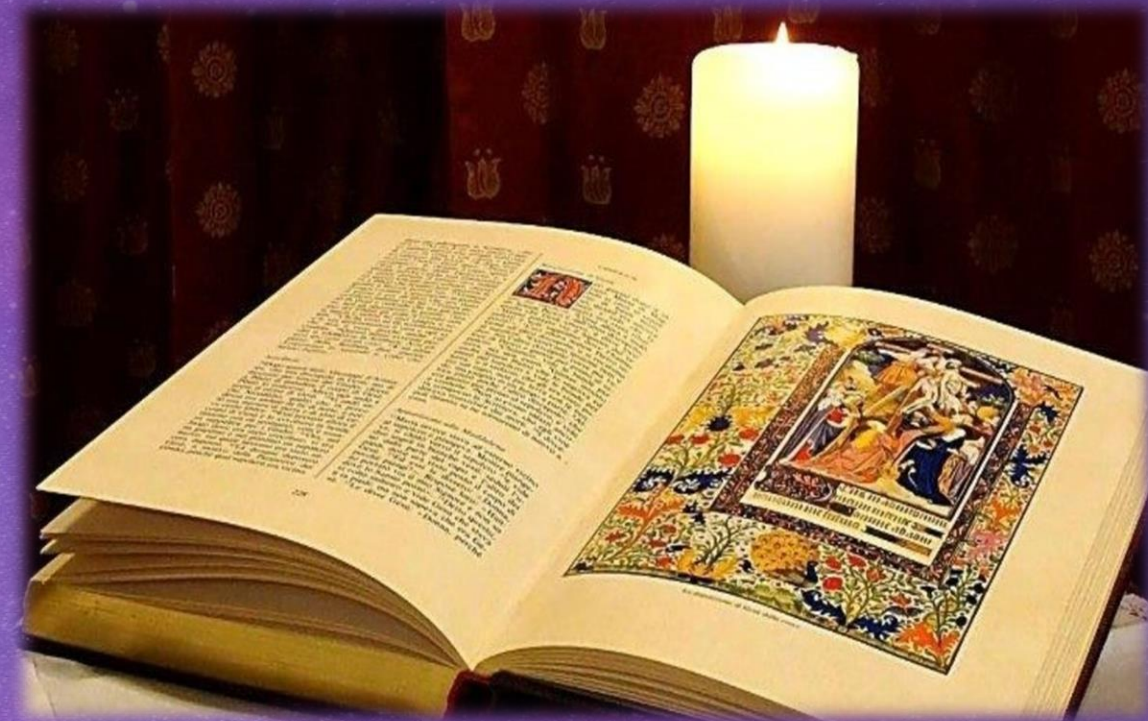
We turn to God asking for His guidance and strength in our lives.

*Lord Jesus, You heal the sick- Lord have mercy
Lord Jesus, You forgive sinners- Christ have mercy*

Lord Jesus, You give us yourself to feed us and bring us strength- Lord have mercy

*May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen*

We sing the Gloria- praising God together!



We pray together

*Dear Lord, you are the vine,
we are the branches.
Help us to bear your fruit
and follow your word.
Amen.*

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We Listen to the Word of God:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-28

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem,
he tried to join the followers.
But they were all afraid of him,
because they did not believe he was a true follower.
Then Barnabas helped him by taking him to the apostles.
He explained how on the road to Damascus,
Saul had seen the Lord and how the Lord had spoken to Saul.
Barnabas also said that when Saul was in Damascus,
he had spoken bravely in the name of Jesus.
Saul moved about freely with the followers in Jerusalem
and told everyone about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



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We Listen to the Word of God:

The Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Everyone on this earth
will remember you, Lord.
People all over the world
will turn and worship you.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

In the future, everyone will worship and learn
about you, our Lord.
People not yet born
will be told,
"The Lord has saved us!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.



We Listen to the Word of God:

A reading from the first letter of John
3:18

Children, you show love for others by
truly helping them,
and not merely by talking about it.

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We Greet the Good News by saying:

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the
Lord;*

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia.

† A reading from the Holy Gospel according
to John
15:1-5, 7-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine,

and my Father is the gardener.

He cuts away every branch of mine that does
not produce fruit.

But he trims clean every branch that does
produce fruit,

so that it will produce even more fruit.

"You are already clean because of what I
have said to you.

"Stay joined to me,

and I will stay joined to you.

I AM THE
TRUE
VINE
AND
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IS
THE
GARDENER



John 15:1

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Just as a branch cannot produce fruit
unless it stays joined to the vine,
you cannot produce fruit unless you stay
joined to me.

"I am the vine, and you are the branches.
If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined
to you,

then you will produce lots of fruit.

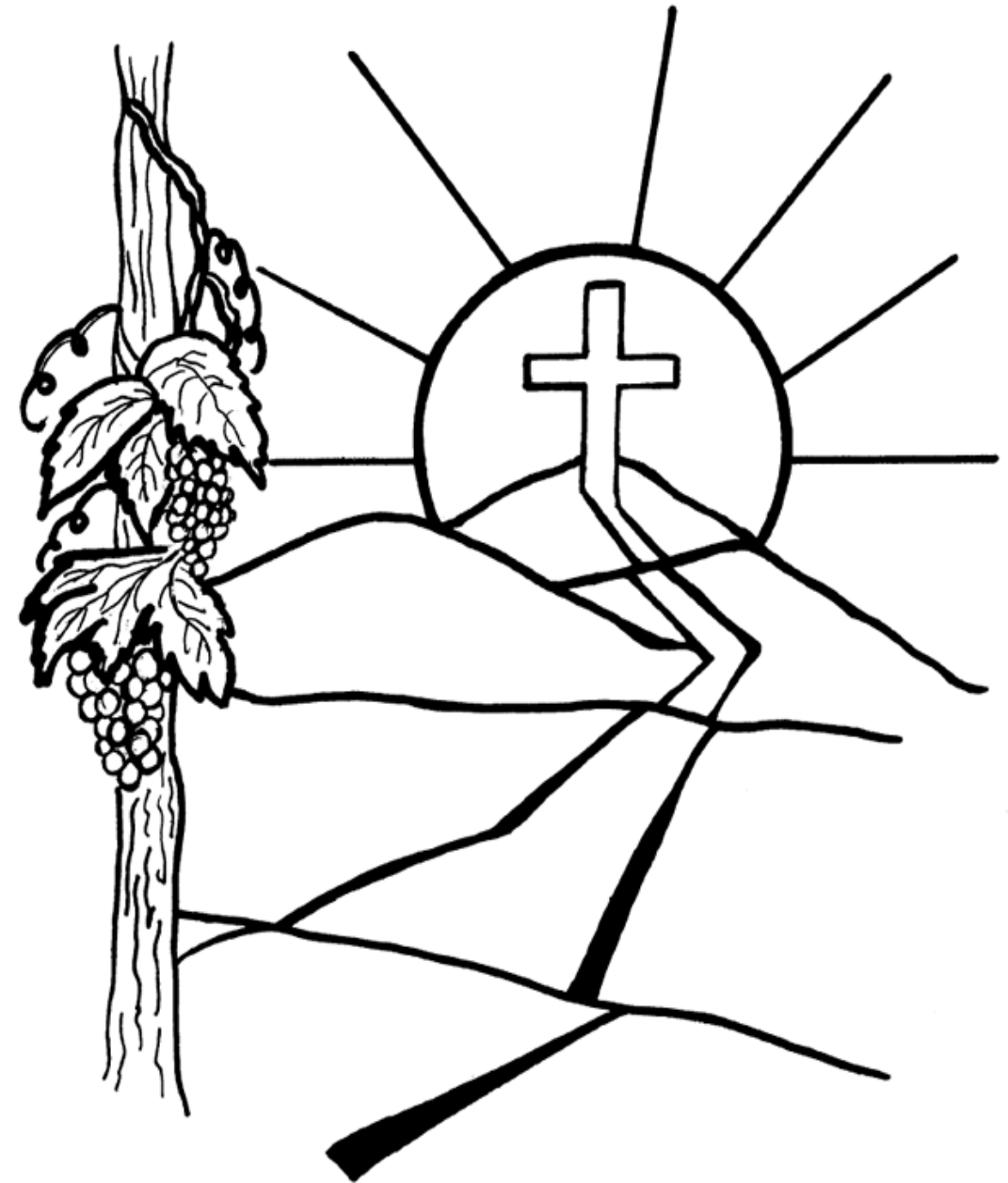
But you cannot do anything without me.

"Stay joined to me and let my teachings
become part of you.

Then you can pray for whatever you want,
and your prayer will be answered.

"When you become fruitful disciples of mine,
my Father will be honoured."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



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We Respond - Taken from www.adorers.org

Being Connected to Jesus like the branches are connected to the vine

A good gardener needs to cut off old branches, trim the dead parts or the old parts that aren't giving life in order for more fruit and life to grow and flourish. The fruit that falls to the ground dies because it has no connection anymore to the life giving water and nutrients that the trunk brings.

Jesus says: "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own and needs to stay connected to the tree, so it is the same with Jesus and us." When we remain connected to Jesus by prayer and the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by loving others by treating others with care and respect in things we say and do, Jesus fills us with his life and nourishes us with His life-giving food. Then we will bear the fruit of Jesus. We will bring joy and happiness and peace to ourselves and others. We will be life-giving to others like Jesus is life-giving to us.

We Profess our faith in God together:

I believe in God the Father, I believe in God the Son, I believe in God the Holy Spirit. Our God is three, Our God is One.



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We Respond (Intercessions taken from www.cafod.org.uk)

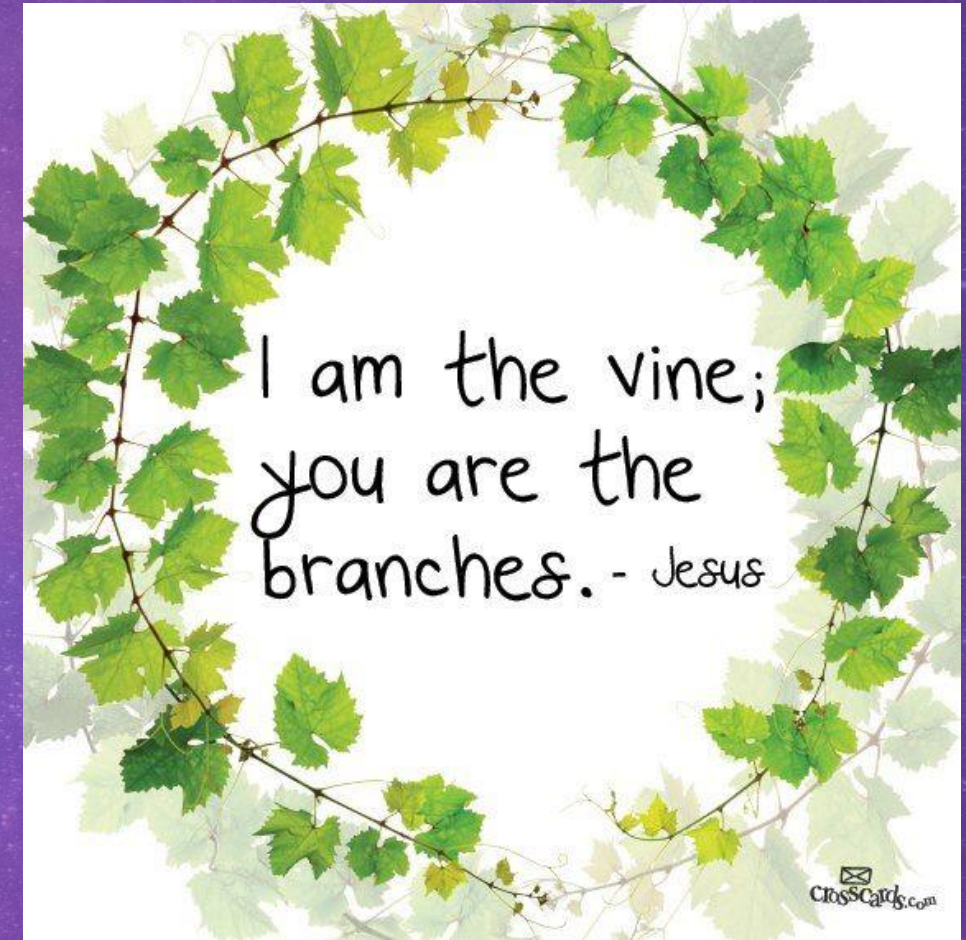
We know that Jesus is the true vine always supporting us, his branches.
Let us keep this in mind as we pray together:

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may follow Christ's example and show love and welcome to all people. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all those who have been badly affected by the changing climate; may we always show care for our planet and not damage it any more. Lord, in your mercy

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may be moved to show love for our neighbours, both here and around the world. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: *Generous God*, support us in all we do as a vine supports its branches, and help us to support and share with others around the world, especially those who are affected by the changing climate. Amen.



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We Pray the Family Prayer of All Christians
Our Father...

We now make 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 into
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*

We end our time of prayer

May God Bless us and keep us safe.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.
Amen*



**We can join in the Celebration of Mass online by visiting the
following website:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-
cFTh5i2y_EQw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_EQw)

**- St. Mary's RC Cathedral, Newcastle
(Sunday Mass at 11:30am- Daily Mass 12 noon)**



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Activity Ideas- From CAFOD

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration. On the back ask them to write or draw what they think caring for the world and your neighbours means and the one thing they will do over the coming week to care for other people, especially those who are poor. Or ask them to write a prayer for all their brothers and sisters around the world who are having a hard life because of poverty.

Make sheep with the children - have the children decorate their cut-outs with cotton wool and felt tips. Have them write their name on the sheep and then stick them all on a big picture of the world, or if they are at home, they can go on the fridge or on a big piece of paper decorated like a field.

Ask the children to go home and share all they have heard and thought about today. If they have written a prayer ask them to say it together during the week and to do one thing this week to show their love for their global family.



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Gospel: John 15:1-8

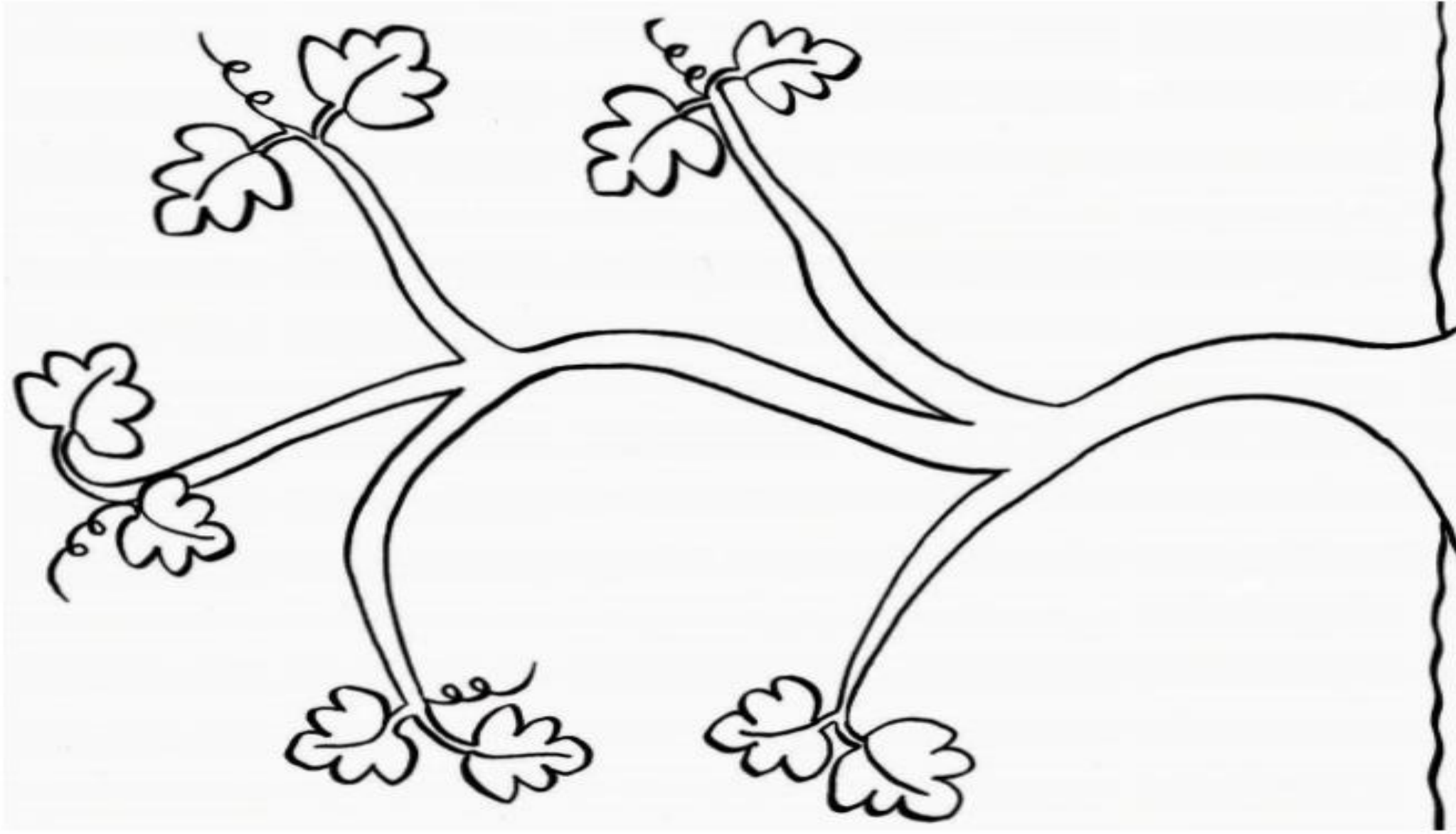





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Speak, Lord

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 21
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

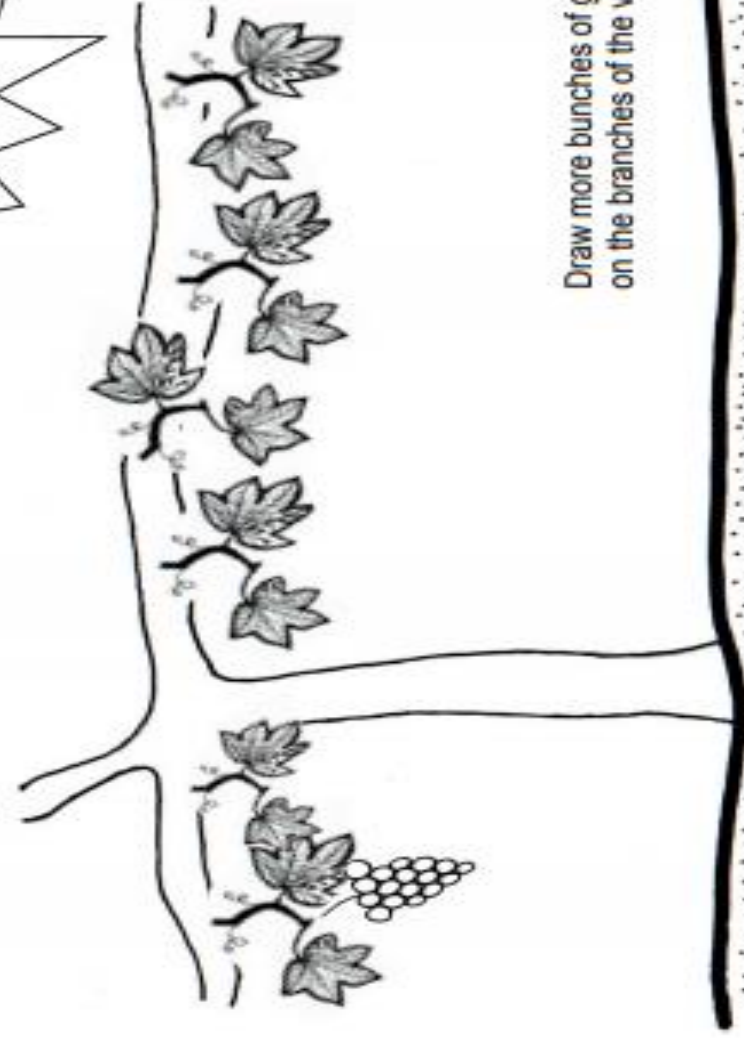
SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
Year B — 5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said:

"I AM THE TRUE VINE

YOU ARE THE BRANCHES"

A vine is a tree
that produces
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Draw more bunches of grapes on the branches of the vine.

I can be a
good branch
and produce
good fruit
by ...

Draw or write about some good fruit you "produce".