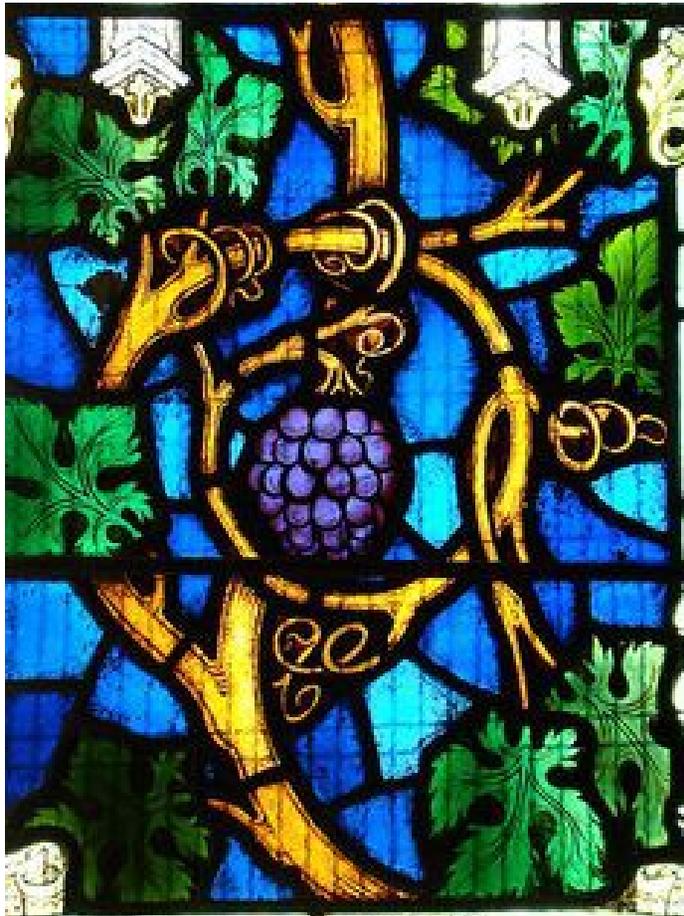


The Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

Introit (VU 396)

Jesus stand among us
in your risen power.
Let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of the Risen Christ shines for all to see.

May that light shine in our hearts and in our lives.

Call to Worship

Jesus is the true Vine,
and God is the gardener.
If that is the case, what are we?

We are the branches.

How can we be branches?

It means that we're a part of Jesus!

Ah, I see. Does he expect us to bear fruit?

Yes, but not fruit that you eat!

What, then?

We grow in love for God and for our neighbours.

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

Great Gardener of life,
you nourish the earth with sun and rain.

You nourish our hearts with Jesus.

Gather us to you as we come in praise and worship.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn 296 “This Is God’s Wondrous World”

1 This is God’s wondrous world,
 and to my listening ears
 all nature sings and round me rings
 the music of the spheres.
 This is God’s wondrous world;
 I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
 God’s hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is God’s wondrous world:
 the birds their carols raise;
 the morning light, the lily white,
 declare their Maker’s praise.
 This is God’s wondrous world:
 God shines in all that’s fair;
 in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
 God’s voice speaks everywhere.

3 This is God’s wondrous world:
 O let me ne’er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is God’s wondrous world:
 why should my heart be sad?
 Let voices sing, let the heavens ring.
 God reigns, let earth be glad!

Time for the Children**Hymn “The Garden Song”**

1 Inch by inch, row by row,
 gonna make this garden grow.
 All it takes is a rake and a hoe
 and a piece of fertile ground.
 Inch by inch, row by row,
 please bless these seeds I sow;
 please warm them from below
 till the rain comes tumbling down.

2 Pullin’ weeds, pickin’ stones;
 we are made of dreams and bones.
 I feel the need to grow my own,
 for the time is near at hand.
 Grain for grain, sun and rain,
 find my way through nature’s chain,
 and tune my body and my brain
 to the music of the land.

3 Plant your rows straight and long;
 temper them with prayer and song.
 Mother earth can make you strong
 if you give her love and care.
 See that crow watching hungrily
 from his perch in yonder tree.
 In my garden I’m as free
 as that feathered thief up there.

4 Inch by inch, row by row,
 gonna make this garden grow.
 All it takes is a rake and a hoe
 and a piece of fertile ground.
 Inch by inch, row by row,
 please bless these seeds I sow;
 please warm them from below
 till the rain comes tumbling down.

Scripture Reading [John 15:1-8](#)**Anthem****Sermon “Hanging Tight”****Hymn 588 vv. 1, 2, 3 “Many Are the Lightbeams”**

1 Many are the light beams from the one light.
 Our one light is Jesus.
 Many are the light beams from the one light;
 we are one in Christ.

2 Many are the branches of the one tree.
Our one tree is Jesus.
Many are the branches of the one tree;
we are one in Christ.

3 Many are the gifts given, love is all one.
Love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts given, love is all one;
we are one in Christ.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (MV 191)

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy; I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love; I'll do my share.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Generous God, we offer our gifts like seeds to plant your
Kingdom. Help us to bloom where you have planted us.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn 289 "It Only Takes a Spark"

1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found.
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Benediction

Song for the Journey (MV 214)

May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.

The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

Special Announcement: In-person worship services and meetings are suspended April 23-May 21. We will continue to offer live-stream services from St. James. As we go through these difficult times, we can do our part to flatten the curve by following NS Public Health regulations. As a faith community, let's stay connected and offer support to one another and those in the wider community, especially the vulnerable and those who live alone, by making phone calls and by holding one another in prayer!

Zoom Bible Study will be held Monday at 7 pm.

Parkhill Bd of Management Zoom Meeting at 7 pm, Wed, May 12.

Lectionary Readings for May 2, 2021

Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch.

Psalm 22:25-31 Praise God who has heard our call.

1 John 4:7-21 Everyone who loves is born of God.

John 15:1-8 Jesus is the true vine.