

Readings for Sunday, May 6, 2018

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

**The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;**
make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
**with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn #704 Teach me, God, To Wonder

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

All praise and thanks be to Him