

From your Rector

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel reading for Sunday Jesus describes himself as the vine. Jesus goes on to say that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him or to put it another way if we are grafted into him.

Amid all the unknowns of today's unprecedented chaos, it seems to me that one of the things we can be certain about is how interconnected we all are. This is a contrast to the modern worldview of individualism that we inherited from the Enlightenment era.

Being interconnected with one another is a good thing because it encourages communities to grow and to flourish. Healthy communities seek to protect us from loneliness, despair, and alienation and it is good to remember that we were not created to be self-sufficient. We were created to live connected to God and to each other.

One of the hallmarks of a flourishing community is kindness and at a deeper level this demonstrate care for others and that is a good thing. Spontaneous acts of kindness show humanity at its best and that is something wonderful to see... it strengthens the bonds of community, even though we must socially distance at the present time.

Flourishing communities and interconnectedness say something about the resurrection hope which is our watchword in this Easter season.

With my love and prayers and good wishes

Your friend and Rector

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