

The Cotteridge Church

Easter 5 Sunday 15th May 2022

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this the world will know that you are my
disciples
if you have loved one for another.
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Bible Readings

Acts 11: 1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

Collect for Easter 5

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world and the
wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

God never intended God's boundaries to be less than the whole world. Therefore, none of us have a monopoly on God's love. We may feel like we do when we look down on someone different than we are, or when we snicker at someone's misfortune, or when we say, "Thank you, Lord, that I am not like them," or when we say, "It's too bad they do not believe as we believe." But woe be unto us whenever we reek of such arrogance! For when we try to restrict God's grace to ourselves, we cut ourselves off from that very grace. Why? Pierre Teilhard de Chardin may have said it best, "It is impossible to love Christ without loving others, and it is impossible to love others without moving nearer to Christ."