

Prayers of the People for April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Annual Meeting after morning worship

Please sit or stand as is your custom for the prayers of the people. In the times of silence, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud. At the end of each prayer, I will say, **“Jesus, you are the vine.”** Please say with me, **“and we are the branches”**.

The Church

Loving God, on this Sunday of our annual meeting, we thank you for all the hard work members of Council have done for our church. Please bless them, Lord, and refresh them. *God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with all of us who will vote today. May we seek first your honour and glory. (adapted from BAS p. 676)*

We pray also for the wider church. May all of us, in our vocations and ministries, truly serve you, Lord. May your life flow into us and may we bear fruit.

Jesus, you are the vine. And we are the branches.

The World

Creator God, we pray for your world. May we learn to handle your creation with reverence and wisdom.
PAUSE

We thank you, God, for the declaration of “complete denuclearization” signed by the leaders of North and South Korea on Friday. May their words become reality.

Loving God, we continue to put into your hands all the people affected by the bus crash in Saskatchewan. We also ask your help for all those affected by the van attack in Toronto on Monday. We think of the many troubled areas of the world known to us and name them to you, God, silently or aloud.

PAUSE

God, we trust you with these issues which are too big for us to handle.

Jesus, you are the vine. And we are the branches.

Local community

God who dwells in us, thank you for all involved with the Gabriola Housing Society. Please bless the work they are doing.

Jesus, you are the vine. And we are the branches.

Those who are ill

Loving God, we ask your peace and deep healing for all who are ill or suffering in any way, naming them now, silently or aloud. PAUSE

God, may your life flow into them.

Jesus, you are the vine. And we are the branches.

Those who mourn

Loving God, we pray for all who mourn.

PAUSE

Grant them courage and confidence in the new life of Christ.

Jesus, you are the vine. And we are the branches.

Gathering our prayers together, please join me in singing the Lord’s Prayer on page 959 in Voices United