

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10:30 AM



## Holy Eucharist – Rite II

### The Word of God

*BCP = Book of Common Prayer (red book), # Hymn = 1982 Hymnal (hymns are found in the blue book, but please note that the hymn number listed is not necessarily the page number)*

### Prelude

A Song in the Morning

Gilbert Martin

### The Hymn in Procession #392 Come we that love the Lord VINEYARD HAVEN

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

BCP, p. 355

*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### The Collect for Purity

### The Gloria

#S-278

William Mathias

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

\*"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*the saving deeds that he has done.

## The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn      #513 Like the murmur of the dove's song      BRIDEGROOM**

## The Gospel

John 15:1-8

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me

as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP, p. 387

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai, and Scott, our Bishops; and Cameron and Jerry, our clergy

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe our President, the Congress and Courts, Greg our Governor, and Craig our Mayor,

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud; and on those on our parish prayer list: Iyan Wren, Curtis Young, Alice Jones, Scott Windham, Devin Windham, Kent Brenneman, Margaret Holloway, Eva Chambles, Barbara Cagle, Avis Reid, Henry Burden, Andy Meyer, Marjorie Meyer, Gayle Korte, Shannon Bivens, Sue Likon, Nichalus Mourer, Hans Mueller, Duane, Ellie Whitson, Jerry & Pat Lyle, Donna Bivens, Kate Beebe,

Bob & Christina Griffin, Joyce Quitter, Gibby Dean, LaNan Saxon, Debbie Hinkle, Jim Pitts, Mary Powell, Marta Arana, Jesse Corona, Roger Hayes, Robert Hoehn, Dolores Thurman, Joan, Drew, Nico, Emmanuel Hernandez, and those impacted by the violence in the Holy Land.

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Reader* Give to the departed eternal rest, including those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud; and we pray especially for Dick Likon and DeWayne Kinsey.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Reader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

*Offertory - We will pass offering plates. If you prefer, you may contribute via the offering boxes on the tables as you come in or give online via text. To give online, text 73256, with the message: **strichard** (please note: no "s" or caps).*

## Offertory Anthem

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

*Following the anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. All are invited to stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Offertory Hymn

#380, v.3

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

#S-128

William Mathias

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may remain standing or kneel while the celebrant continues, concluding with,  
Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with additional prayers, concluding with,  
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Pascha Nostrum

Christ Our Passover

setting by Jeffrey Rickard

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -  
- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us  
keep the feast, Al - - le - lu - ia,  
Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!



# The Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament at the Lord's Table. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Celebrant).*

*If you would like someone to pray for you, the St. Richard's Prayer Team will be stationed during Communion in the back of the Nave by the font.*

## Communion Hymns

#529 In Christ there is no East or West

McKEE

#542 Christ is the world's true light

ST. JOAN

## The Blessing of Community of Care Ministers

*Celebrant* In the name of St. Richard's Church,

*People* We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.

*(If you know someone who would appreciate a COC minister's visit, please contact the church office.)*

## Prayer After Communion

BCP, p. 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.



## Notes About Worshiping With Us:

### **Receiving Communion**

In the Episcopal Church, all who have been baptized with water in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Communion, no matter in which Christian denomination you may have originally been baptized. You are welcome to receive Communion either standing or kneeling. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing or prayer by one of the clergy. To indicate you would like a blessing or prayer, simply cross your arms over your chest as you kneel or stand at the rail.

### **The Wafer**

To receive the wafer, place one open hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who require one.

### **The Wine**

To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips. If you prefer to intinct (dip the wafer in the wine), please hold the wafer in your hands until the chalice bearer comes to you.

### **Receiving in One Kind**

It is perfectly fine to receive only the bread (wafer). If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest or return to your seat after consuming your wafer.

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