

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 | 10:00AM

The Word of God

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman

ENTRANCE HYMN | *“On This Day, the First of Days”*

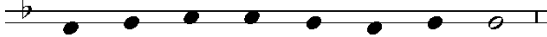
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| *All please stand as able.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

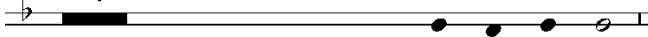
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Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA | "Pascha Nostrum"

WLP 880

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

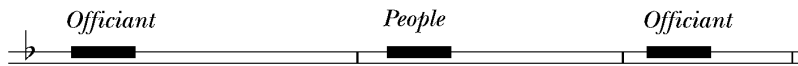
sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
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Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

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.**

All are seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

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.**

Silence may follow.

Please stand as able for the psalm. The psalm will be sung in unison by all.

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:24-30



- 24 My praise is of him in the ¹great as¹sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the ¹presence of ¹those who ¹worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the ¹LORD shall ¹praise him: *
“May your ¹heärt ¹live for ¹ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and ¹turn to the ¹LORD, *
and all the families of the ¹nations shall ¹bow be¹fore him.
- 27 For kingship be¹longs to the ¹LORD; *
he ¹rüles ¹over the ¹nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow ¹down in ¹worship; *
all who go down to the ¹düst ¹fall be¹fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my des¹cendants shall ¹serve him; *
they shall be ¹known as the ¹LORD's for ¹ever.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a ¹people yet un¹born *
the saving ¹deeds that ¹he has ¹done.

Silence may follow.

SECOND READING

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.**

Silence may follow.

| *All please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | ***“God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”***

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Goodrich OP

THE NICENE CREED

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All please stand as able for the Nicene Creed, spoken by all.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon/Celebrant: Christ has gathered us as branches of the true vine that we would bear much fruit. Let us offer prayers to God who does for us whatever we ask, saying, “Abiding God of love, make us fruitful and hear our prayer.”

Leader: Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, prepare your church as the fertile soil that will bring forth the harvest of your love and peace. We pray for The Church of Bangladesh, St George’s-Holbrook, the Diocese of Western Mexico and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland. Teach us to see, know, and nourish all people as our brothers and sisters, companion branches in God’s Holy Vineyard. Abiding God of love,

Make us fruitful and hear our prayer.

Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, we pray for the leaders of our nation—for Joe our president, Katie our governor, and Corey our mayor. Give them courage and wisdom in their decisions that they may bear the fruit of your justice. Abiding God of love,

Make us fruitful and hear our prayer.

Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, open our eyes to the renewing work of your Spirit that we may see your promise of new life around us. Fill us with such reverence and awe for the mysteries of our world that we will strive to be loving stewards of our natural resources. Abiding God of love,

Make us fruitful and hear our prayer.

Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, we pray for those in our community of faith: Jan & Mike, Jack & Pam, Dylan, Shari, Jude & Sydney, Cece, Jessie. Ignite a desire and courage within us to stand in faith and act in love for all who are denied justice and basic humanity, across this world and at national and local levels. Abiding God of love,

Make us fruitful and hear our prayer.

Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, comfort and heal all who are poor in health and spirit, and grant energy to all who give them care. We join our hearts together for those in need of prayer: Bryan, Carey, Connie, Ellen & Richard, Jessie, Lori, Pauline, Sharli, the Yonko family and those we name either silently or aloud. Abiding God of love,

Make us fruitful and hear our prayer.

Jesus, Abundant Vine of Life, fill us with praise and hope knowing that Margaret and all the souls of those we love live again, sheltered for eternity in your forever love. Abiding God of love,

Make us fruitful and hear our prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE**BCP p. 360***Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.**People:** And also with you.*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.***THE HOLY COMMUNION****THE OFFERTORY****BCP p. 376***All please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn. Remain standing as the gifts are brought forward.***OFFERTORY ANTHEM | “Alleluia” (Purcell)**

Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN | “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*Please remain standing as able. The following is chanted.***SURSUM CORDA | “Lift up Your Hearts”**

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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: *The Celebrant adds a proper preface...* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS | “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

| *The people stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues...*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

The Celebrant continues... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died,**
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 RESPONSE

A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your 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, forever and ever. Amen.

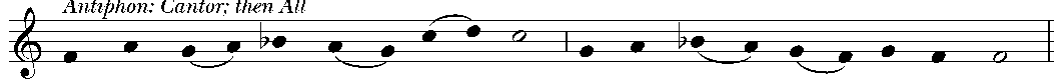
The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM | “Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus”

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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INVITATION

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then deliver it to the people.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Wait at the front of the pews until a space is available then approach the rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, put one hand over your cupped hand so that the minister does not give you a regular wafer. If you wish to receive communion in both kinds, you are invited to drink from the common cup or dip your wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Dr. Miriam Hickman

COMMUNION HYMN | *“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”* H 449

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When home communion for a member of the parish is requested, the following is said:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup. Amen.**

The people stand or kneel as able for the Post Communion Prayer.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN | *“We Know that Christ is Raised”*

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant/Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman

