



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 28, 2024, 10am

*We are glad that you are here to worship with us today.
Please take the time before the service for silent prayer and meditation.
Let us know more about you by signing the guest book near the front door.
We welcome you to be part of our programs & community life.*

*The service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*



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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude	<i>Adoration</i>	Florence Price
Processional Hymn 379 , <i>God is Love, let heaven adore him</i>		ABBOT'S LEIGH
The Easter Acclamation		BCP, p. 355
The Collect for Purity		
Gloria S-278	<i>see Service Music pew card</i>	Mathias
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 Lessons

The First Lesson: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 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

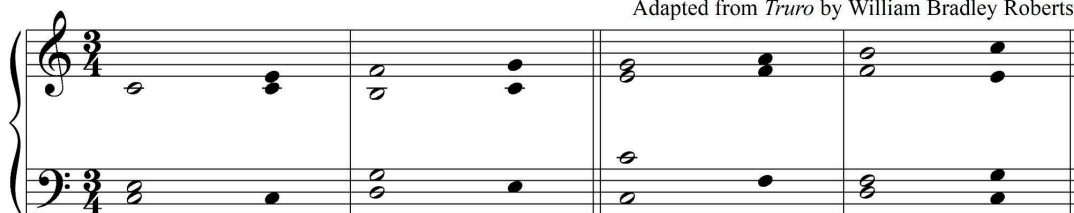
along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Sung by all. Change notes at the words in bold

Adapted from *Truro* by William Bradley Roberts



- 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**.

Sung to the second half of the chant:

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

The Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter of John.

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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 529, *In Christ there is no East or West*

MC KEE

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

JOHN 15:1-8

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and the People pray responsively

LEM Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops, For the many lay people who serve the church, And serve the world through the church. For those gathered here in worship and prayer. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

LEM Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died: That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. *Silence.*

LEM Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Presider O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

The Doxology, Hymn 380, vs. 3 *see Service Music pew card*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sursum Corda S-120 *see Service Music pew card*

Sanctus S-128 *see Service Music pew card*

Mathias

The Great Amen S-146 *see Service Music pew card*

Robinson

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion.

If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest at the altar rail.

If you need to receive Communion in your pew, please let an usher know.

If you are not receiving today, please come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn 457, *Thou art the Way, to thee*

ST. JAMES

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

The Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn 296, *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

ENGLEBERG

The Dismissal

The response is **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

*Please join us for refreshments & conversation in the Parish Hall following this service.
It's one of the ways we get to know one another and build our community.*

Our Ministers Today

Ushers: Ted Kestler, Tom Stracka

Lector: Sean Ragiel **Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Waring Webb

Altar Guild: Janice Lettieri, Barbara Barbeau, Nancy Mink

Refreshment Hour: Timmy & Trixie

Parish Calendar *Week of April 28*

Monday - Parish Office, 10:30am-6pm

Wednesday - Bible Study, 10:15am on Zoom

Thursday - Parish Office, 9:30am-5:30pm

* Office Angels, 2pm in the Rath House

* Handbell Choir, 6:00pm in the Undercroft

* All Saints' Choir, 7:30pm in the Choir Room

Mon-Wed-Fri - Compline (Bedtime Prayers), 9:30pm on Facebook Live

All Saints' Announcements

Easter lasts fifty days, until Pentecost. Keep celebrating!

TODAY: Confirmation Class - 11:45am-1pm in the Rath House.

Garden Day/Spring Clean-up Day: May 4, 9am-12noon - It's time for some spring grounds clean-up; mulching and planting in the Memorial Garden, too! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to let us know you can help.

Fish & Chips Dinner by Argyles of Kearny - **Thursday, May 23, 5:30-7pm.**

This is a great community fund-raiser and "friend-raiser". We will need lots of help on this - publicity, ticket sales, tickets at the door, baking/desserts, set-up/take-down, serving, packing take-out orders, etc. Please look at the poster in the Narthex and sign up for a role. Then spread the word and invite your friends!

Boy Scout Flower Sale - Troop 56's annual sale is being held on May 3, 4, & 5 at the corner of the Valley Mall parking lot in Gillette. They have flats of annuals and hanging baskets. Mark your calendar to buy some beautiful plants and support our local troop!

Ascension Day Evensong - Thursday, May 9 at 7:30pm. Ascension Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the Church year (see p. 15 of the Book of Common Prayer). We will celebrate this day with Evensong, a 45-minute service of Scripture, canticles, prayers, and choral music. Evensong is part of the beautiful core of the Episcopal/Anglican worship tradition. Come and celebrate with us!

AED Grant Received - the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation has awarded All Saints' a grant for two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) - one for the /church and one for the Parish House. We are grateful for this funding which will help our emergency preparedness. Look for information soon asking for volunteers to be trained on how to use these medical devices.

Save these Worship Dates in May

Rogation Sunday, 5/5 - 8 & 10am; bless the gardens and grounds at the later service.

Ascension Day, 5/9 (Thursday) - Evensong, 7:30pm

Confirmation, 5/11 (Saturday) at Calvary Church, Summit, 10am

Funeral for Charlotte Davis, 5/18 (Saturday) - 1pm; reception follows in Parish Hall

Pentecost, 5/19 - 8 & 10am

Trinity Sunday, 5/26 - 8 & 10am