



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
April 28th, 2024**

The Word of The Lord

Prelude *Brother James' Air*

Dale Wood

Children's Choir Introit *God of great and God of the small*

Natalie Sleeth

Processional *In Christ there is no east or West*

Hymnal 529

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people of 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.*

The 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.

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.

Sequence Hymn *Oh blessed spring*

WLP 765

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. There are five lines of lyrics centered under the treble staff. The lyrics are: 1. O bless - ed spring, where Word and sign em - brace us; 2. Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain; 3. When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their; 4. As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our; 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for.

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - te - ry: that Word and wa - ter thus re -

be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

The 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.

Children's Sermon

The Rev. Bonnie G. Underwood

Nicene Creed

BCP 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.

Prayers of the People – Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve *the common good*.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Teach Me, O Lord*

Philip Stopford

Presentation Hymn *Lord, who is love and through humble service*

Hymnal 610

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-128

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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death

We proclaim his resurrection

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

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 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 Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Hymn *Christ our Passover*

Hymnal S-155

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymn *The great creator of the worlds*
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Hymnal 489
Hymnal 487

Sending of Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant and People

In the name of this Congregation, 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 one bread, one cup. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living 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 forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn *God is love, let heaven adore him*

Hymnal 379

The Blessing

Sending Forth

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

All Saints Prayer List

All Saints Family

Nancy Barlow, Wayne Buzzell, Winnie Goldston, Caroline Horton, Clauradella Jeffers, Amy McEver, Fran Webb, Imogene Yongue

Friends and Extended Family

Shirley Bronte, Shirley Davison, Anne Dickey, Bill Felton, Miranda Mayfield , Sandy McCann, Lynn & Fr. Keith Oglesby, Eloise Pino, Kraig Sippell, Mallory Tucker, Tony Zoumberis

Happenings at All Saints

- *TODAY:*
 - Children's Sermon during worship
 - Episcopal 101 Inquirer's Class *meets in the Youth Room*
 - English Tea - 2:30 pm
- May 2nd: National Day of Prayer at All Saints - 4:30 - 5:30 pm
- May 4th: Celebrating the Saints - St. Catherine of Siena, 11:00 am
- May 5th:
 - Covered Dish
 - D&D - 1:00 pm
- May 12th: Mother's Day/Youth Sunday
- May 19th
 - Healing Prayers during service
 - Episcopal 101 Inquirer's Class and Coffee Bar, after worship
 - D&D - 1:00 pm
- May 26th:
 - Episcopal 101 Inquirer's Class and Coffee Bar, after worship

Weekly Events

- Sunday: Worship, 10:15; Children's Choir after worship
- Monday: Book Club, 4:00 p.m.; EfM, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: Food Pantry, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday: Noonday Contemplative prayer, 12:00-12:30 p.m.
- Thursday: Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday: Shawl Ministry, 10:30 am; Women's Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Monthly

- 1st Tuesday: Episcopal Church Women (ECW), 10:30 a.m. – Noon
- 4th Thursday: Men's Group, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

All Saints welcomes everyone to our events and activities

Lay Minister Schedule

	This week, 04-28	Next Week, 05-05
Acolytes	Adam Parks, Noah Rice	Amaya Rice, Maddie Rice, Camila Flores
Altar Guild	Darlene Meloche, Winnie Goldston, Sandy Lee, Marcia Fusell, Joy Norman	Kaen Marks, Lilian Burton, Amy Floyd, Rita Tucker
Coffee Bar		
Counters	Jimmy Eubanks, Roland Leach	
Digital Ministry	Pierce Christie	Stephanie Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Libbet Turner-L, Stephanie Johnson-P	Buddy Park-L, Paul Davison-P
Eucharistic Visitor	Dan Bibler	Stephanie Johnson
Friends	Bronwyn Young	Karen Marks
Greeters	Linda Gerdes, Shelley Strickland	
Lay Readers	Clara Buttersworth, Noah Rice, Amelia Christie	Judy Reynolds, Ellen Strait
Ushers	Mike Tarnoff, Roland Leach	Jimmy Eubanks, Mike Ginn
<i>Food Pantry</i>		
Tuesday Distribution	Lillian Burton, Mischa McNease, Kathryn Buttersworth	Dawn Ray, Ashley Adams, Kathryn Buttersworth
Weekly Packing	The Turner Family	
Publix Pickup	Pat Bartness	Jimmy Eubanks

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