

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 2, 2021

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

The following is said, all standing

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.

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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.

Old Testament Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 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 Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John

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.

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

Priest 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 vine grower. 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Father Mark Chattin

The Nicene Creed

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

All remain standing.

Friends, there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. So let us boldly pray to God, saying, "Loving God, put your words in our hearts."

Great vine-grower, remove anything in your Church that hinders our love. May we abide in your Son Jesus. May he abide in us. We want to bear much fruit; we want to be disciples of your Son.

Loving God,
People: Put your words in our hearts.

Ruler of the nations, under your reign the poor shall eat and be satisfied: make known your saving deeds to the ends of the earth.

Loving God,
People: Put your words in our hearts.

Creator God, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine. Give us eyes to see your presence in our world; give us words to witness to your goodness.

Loving God,
People: Put your words in our hearts.

Good Teacher, you sent Philip to the Ethiopian so that he would be transformed by understanding: bless our local colleges and universities. Give wisdom and understanding to all those who teach and all those who learn.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

O God, you are love. You love us so much. We pray for our brothers and sisters, especially those in great need. Increase our love for them; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing touch.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: May your love be an eternal abode for all your saints.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People together say

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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and Love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly
strife. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

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 kneel.

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.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and 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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

*[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

Communion Hymn

(vs 1-3, 4-5)

No. 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian Wren

Music: *Land of Rest*, adapt & harm Annabel Morris Buchanan

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Post Communion Hymn

Hymnal 178

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain.*

Words: Donald Fishel

Music: *Alleluia No. 1*, Donald Fishel, arr. Betty Pulkingham, Charles Mallory, George Mims

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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 for ever. Amen.

Festal Easter Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

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. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 213

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born; on this festival day,
come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,
by our heavenly Father bestowed, while his grace we receive
from his bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.

For the glory we were first created to share,
both the nature and kingdom divine! Now created again
that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love
which hath joined us to Jesus' Name; so united in heart,
let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King,
and his rapturous praises, repeat: to the Lamb that was slain,
hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

Words: Charles Wesley

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The Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

Notes and Announcements

May 2, 2021

PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Diocese of Buhiga (Burundi)...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for the Members and Ministry of the Task Force on the Review of the Canons...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Organist and Choir Director ...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Nick...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week ... Chris Hoffner 5/2, Lily Ward 5/8...

For those Celebrating Anniversaries this week ... Ralph and Carol Slim 5/6

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Janis, Veronica, Barbara M., Joan, Charleen, Denise, Dan Sr., Melissa, Janet, Bill, Rodney, Stephen, Cheryl, Matt, Lisa, Maryann, Craig, Steve K., Martin, Mark, Lori, Tanya, Leslie & Chris, Jeannie, Barbara W., Francis, Lonnie, Kate & Rob, Kulin, Sue, Marlene, Karen, Francine, Joseph, Dot, Renee, Norma, Nick, Leif, Rob, Tracy, Michelle, Linda, Julia, McKenzie, Howard, David & Becca, Linda, Eugene, Sean, Brooks, Rob, Margie, Mike, Martha, Charlie, Evelyn, Sharyn...

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Merle Bones by Yvonne Bones.

NEW SERVICE TIME!!! - Beginning this week and running through the month of June, our Sunday morning indoor service will begin at 9:15 a.m. The outside service remains at 12:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR Join us on the conference line (856-861-3864, pin # 924-821) Sundays at 11:00 a.m. for a quick chat and check-in concluding with Noonday Prayers.

ONLINE GIVING OPTION - To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) and send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued financial support during these challenging times.

FEEDING FIRST RESPONDERS- Every other month we deliver lunch to the Collingswood Fire and Police Departments to thank them for the continued commitment to serving our community. We are now partnering with Collingswood Rotary in this outreach. If you would like to contribute to these ongoing events, please send your donations marked "Feeding First Responders". Many thanks to all who have already contributed toward this effort. Please keep all our local Police and Fire Departments in your prayers.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL During April we will collect (PBJ) Peanut Butter and Jelly for the Collingswood Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the tower. We'll deliver them at the end of the month. (If you still have Laundry Detergent from March, bring it in and we'll deliver it too!)

FORWARD DAY BY DAY PERIODICALS - have arrived for the months of May through July. If you would like to receive one through the mail or pick one up at the church, please call the office at 856-858-0491 and leave a message for Charlotte or e-mail holytrinity1@verizon.net.

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CHART - is at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on a Sunday, please sign next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$45.00.