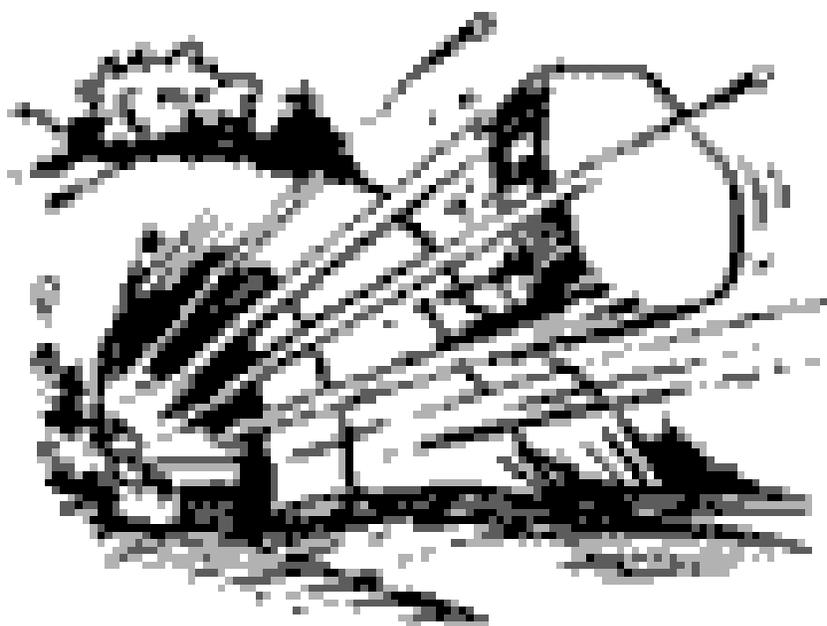


Christ Episcopal Church

...Making a Difference!

The Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 2, 2021

Rite II – 10:30 a.m.



Note: All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table in this place. You can stand or kneel at the altar rail. Extend a raised palm to receive a wafer, which you can either eat immediately or wait for a Eucharistic Minister to dip in the wine and place on your tongue. If you have eaten your bread when the chalice comes, hold the cup at the bottom and direct it to your mouth for a sip of wine. For those who do not wish to drink the wine, just cross your arms over your chest when the cup comes by. Stay at the altar rail as long as you wish.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY Soliloquy on “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Setting by Grimoaldo Macchia

All stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN 392

“Come, we that love the Lord”

(Vineyard Haven)



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join
2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but
3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -
4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne.
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.



Refrain
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant:

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

S-280

Glory to God

Gloria in excelsis Canticle 20

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 READING

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from 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.*

THE GRADUAL (spoken in unison)

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

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 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.*

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

The people stand.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Gospeler: 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."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

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

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for **Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Dorsey, & Frank, our bishops retired; Gordon, our priest in charge;** and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially: **Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander***, **Rebecca Bryson, Brent Burgin, Lynda Horton, Kevin Jaillette, Tim Nichols, Helen, Andy Caudill, Wes Galloway, Brenda Sutton, Pat McManus** (*silence*), we pray;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all of the departed eternal rest, especially, [**Nancy King Cauthen** ,] (*silence*), we pray;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

I ask your prayers for [**Michael Killingsworth, Stephen Killingsworth, Adam Helwig, Joe Galloway, Will Woodruff, and all who serve in our Armed Services; and those who serve in public safety in our community.**]

I ask your prayers for [**Still Hopes and Finlay House Retirement Communities** .]

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays especially, [] and anniversaries [].]

The People may add their own petitions.

The priest will offer the closing prayer.

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“How Beautiful”

Setting by Lloyd Larson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

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.*

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Hymn S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

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

The people stand or kneel.

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,

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant and *People*:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 [_____. and] 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 for ever. **AMEN**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Then may be sung or said

THE FRACTION

Then may be sung or said

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn S-163

Lamb of God

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION 606

“Where charity and true love dwell”

(Ubi caritas)

Antiphon

Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.

1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,
 2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er
 3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace

let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.
 let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.
 to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,

And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,
 May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease
 our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,

so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]
 that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]
 for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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

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

VOLUNTARY “The Strife Is O’er/ Alleluia! Jesus Lives!” (Victory/ Fred til bod) Palestrina/ Linderman/ VAV

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NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Psalm 98

WEEKLY & MONTHLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday

Choir Practice 10:00 a.m.

Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Adult Study 9:15 a.m. – meet in the Sanctuary

Rite II 10:30 a.m. (in-person, 107.5 FM, & Facebook Live)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is this week.

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Barbara Gibson in honor of her daughters, Mary Beth Lyles and Jennifer Page and her grandsons, Jonah, Ethan, Elijah and Samuel.

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

DATE	CELEBRANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M RITE II	ACOLYTE	USHERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, May 2, 2021	Gordon Hamilton	Valarie Valois	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Earle Holmes	Caroline Oliver & Linda Baker	Robert Horton	Robert Horton

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Terry Michaelson*, Sloan McLaughlin, Brooke Hamilton, Makenzie White, Jon Bryson, Bobby McInville, Susan Bowers, Buddy Lever, Savannah Seegars, Randy Horton, Susanne Mitchell, Ben Robertson*, Sara Anne Foster*, Tracey Davis, Charles Ballard, Julie Percival, Sis Parker, Peggy Catoe, Alan Hedricks, Avis Clyburn, Arlene Lifsey, Willis Ballard, Eric Hough, John Riemann*, Dennis Melton, Bill Moorner, Dianne Norman McMahan, Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander*, Rebecca Bryson, Brent Burgin, Lynda Horton, Kevin Jaillette, Tim Nichols, Helen, Andy Caudill, Wes Galloway, Brenda Sutton, Pat McManus, Dixie Roberts, Hayes Robinson, Richard Knight, Joan Bixby*, Geary Yamashita, Aubrey Crawford*, Tric Deaton*, Kay Lambertson*, Gina Farley, Peggy Catoe, Samuel Deese, The Conner Family, Joel, Patricia, Gail, Charlie

The Little Church That Could: This money will go toward meeting our budget deficit. Even though the little church is not completely empty, let's work on filling it up again!



Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club
Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 18th
11:00 am - 3:30 pm

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The Reverend Gordon Hamilton

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Valarie A. Valois

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