

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



*Image: St George and the Dragon*

### **8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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### **10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

*We come to silence at the sound of the gong.*

*To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.*

**Opening Hymn:** CP#224 "Awake, Arise, And Lift Up Your Voice"

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Presider* May the grace and peace of Christ with you.

*All* **May our hearts be filled with joy.**

*Presider* Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.

Children's Talk

Act of Praise:

**Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye, the Lord!**

**(Repeat)**

**Praise ye, the Lord! Hallelujah! (repeat x3)**

**Praise ye the Lord!**

Collect of the Day

*Presider* God of deep soil and luxurious growth,  
you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you:  
may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are,  
**Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009) alt.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Then 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

*Reader* My praise is of God in the great assembly; \*

*All* **I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.**

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, \*  
**who rules over the nations.**

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before God.**

My soul shall live for God;  
my descendants shall serve God; \*  
**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that God has done.**

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 Saviour 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 judgement, 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: CP#450 "You Call Us, Lord, To Be"

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

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

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "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.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel Acclamation: *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Homily

Choral Anthem: "God is Love"

Nicene Creed

*Presider* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All* **We love one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We love 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 love the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped 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

The Peace

*Presider* The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, "Peace be with you."

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: CP#520 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (vv 1-4)

## **WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL**

Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.

*All* **Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer Supplementary #1

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Holy God, Lover of creation,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us  
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.  
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,  
you do not abandon us.  
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,  
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,  
to confront our sin  
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe  
we proclaim your glory saying:  
*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. x2  
Blessed is he who comes in the name,  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. x2**

*Presider* Gracious God,  
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ  
to share our fragile humanity.  
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection  
you open the path from brokenness to health,  
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit  
to reverence for you.  
Rejected by a world  
that could not bear the Gospel of life,  
Jesus knew death was near.  
His head anointed for burial  
by an unknown woman,

Jesus gathered together those who loved him.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it  
and gave it to his friends,  
saying, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."  
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
gave you thanks,  
and said "Drink this all of you,  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."  
And now we gather at this table  
in response to his commandment,  
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,  
and to proclaim our faith.

*All* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Breathe your Holy Spirit,  
the wisdom of the universe,  
upon these gifts that we bring to you:  
this bread, this cup,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
that we may be signs of your love for all the world  
and ministers of your transforming purpose.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, Creator of all,  
and we bless your holy name for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

*All* 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,  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Presider* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Presider* Live in us, that we may live in you.  
The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.*

*Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer.*

Communion Music: Lamb Of God (Missa Pacem)

I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

You Are Mine

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Life-giving God,  
**in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light after the night,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
so that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*Presider* Glory to God,  
*All* whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

*Presider* God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to  
you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a  
glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter  
faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life  
of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's  
peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God: creating, redeeming and  
sustaining, be with you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP#662 "The Trees of the Field"

Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world—rejoicing in the Risen Christ!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**





	8am	10am
Presider	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Preacher	The Very Rev. Ken Gray	The Very Rev. Ken Gray
Music Director		Marlon Narciso
First Reading	Susan McMillan	Kathleen von Kanel
Psalm	Leslie Glazier	John Sager
Second Reading	Ted Sheldon	Nicola LaMorte
Prayers	John Oldale	Margaret Smart
Administrants	Leslie Glazier	Peter Parker, John Sager
Liturgical Assistant	Bruce Winter	Gary Fisher
Greeters	Leigh Bradfield	Joy Carroll, Terry Carroll
Tech Assistant		Joy Warkentin, Michael Marriott
Counter		Judy Trueman
Supervisor		Darlene Fisher
Flowers	Margaret Hood	Sandra Moore
Chancel Guild	Darlene Fisher	Margaret Smart
Altar Bread	Joan Collis	Kathleen von Kanel
Healing Prayers		Sue Morrison