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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

April 28, 2024

9:30 am

Whoever you are
Wherever you're from
Whatever you seek
Whenever you come

WE WELCOME YOU

The Fifth Sunday of Easter | 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Lord, I Want to be a Christian arr. Diane Bish

Hymn 296

We Know That Chris is Raised and Dies no More

Officiant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All

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

Glory to God in the Highest
See Music Pew Card

Pavlechko

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Officiant

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.**

First Lesson:
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.

Lector

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

All the ends of the earth shall re -
mem - ber and turn to the Lord.

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1. Organ plays the response
2. Cantor and Organ
3. Cantor, Choir, Congregation

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!" *Refrain*
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. *Refrain*
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. *Refrain*

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.

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn 379

Good Is Love

The Gospel:
John 15:1-8

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

Officiant
People

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

The Homily

The Reverend Canon Vanessa Stickler Glass

**The Baptismal
Covenant**

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Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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People

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory *O Lamb of God Most Holy* Wissinger
Silver Bells Handbell Choir

Doxology *See music pew card*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
O praise Him, O praise Him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Officiant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up to the Lord.

Officiant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Pavlechko

See music pew card

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not

see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in

Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

Officiant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn 304 *I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord*

Postcommunion Let us pray:
Prayer **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 529

In Christ There Is No East or West

Officiant

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Sortie

Richard Shephard

Prayer Requests

Please send requests to pastoralcare@holycomforterchurch.net.

Healing

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Amy J., Patty D., Cealia, Tom M., Peg A., Ann C., Jose, Pam, Susan, Sandy, Ted, Gavin, Marilyn, Marj, Joel, Cheryl, Katie R., Paul, William, Mercedes, Shauna, Laura, Shawn, Patti H., Christine H., Casey, Nancy W., Ken and Fran, Dennis M., Peg and Mike, Joan, Ken, Dennis J., Renee, Audrey, Rod, Calvin, Xander, Steve J, Miles, Debbie, Jennifer G., Walker, Rayne, The Fries Family

Bereavement

The Family of Tom Cook (former parishioner)

The Family of Nelle McElravy-Conway (Leslea Stringer)

Healthy Pregnancy

Briana, Anna S., Kallista

Prayers for Family Members in Israel

Yonaton Klein family, Chaim- Israeli military

College Students

Codi, Jameson, Tessa, Jack, Tamsyn, Carson, Tommy, Jake

Active Military

Addison, Justin, Cole, Alex, Nathan, Dr. Katherine

Sharing their gifts today

The Reverend Canon Vanessa Stickler Glass - Canon for Transition & Wellness

Mary McIntire – Music Director

Ben Ehrlich – Organist/Accompanist

9:30am Service

Greeters - Cindy Pickerel, Cynthia Westergaard

Ushers - Jennifer Addington, Leslea Stringer

Lectors – Michael Shedd, Dennis Rooney

LEMs - Gina Shedd, Sue Sprole

Chalice Bearer - Dennis Hart

Zoom Host - Beth Waterman

Sound - Mark Pickerel

AV team – Kirk Jones, Chuck Mead, Joel McIntire,

Mark Pickerel & Stan Stroud

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