



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 and 10:30 am • April 28, 2024

THE VOLUNTARY: Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag, BWV 629 J. S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 208. The strife is o'er, the battle done *Victory*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

8:30 Gloria in excelsis Deo BCP 356
10:30 205. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing, vv. 1 and 5 (see pew card)

THE WORD OF GOD

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 CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24–30

8:30 *We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *We will sing the psalm in unison.*

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- 24 My praise is of him in the great as- / ssembly; *
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 be- / fore 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 be- / fore 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 un- / born *
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: 489. The great Creator of the worlds

Tallis' Ordinal

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christ has gathered us as branches of the true vine. Let us offer prayers to God, who is the true vinegrower.

For the whole world and all the churches of God, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this holy gathering, for our baptismal candidates—Penny and Daisy—and for our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all the baptized whose faces shine with the light of Christ, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; for

Stephanie, Cathy, Phillip, and Ryan, our parish clergy; for all who minister and all the holy people of God, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For The Church of Bangladesh; St. Andrew's, Haw River; Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson; St. John's, Henderson; and the Beloved Community at The Trees, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For those we suffer and those who mourn; that you may stir up in us a spirit of grace and generosity, that we may give freely to those in need, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the sick in our church community: Alice, Alice, Beth, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Don, Jack, Jan, Jane, Joan, Judy, Karen, Maggie, Marion, Marshall, Maxine, Nancy, Pam, Sherry, Steve; we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our friends, families, and neighbors: Al, Anna, Anthony, Beth, Danielle, Destiny, Evonne, Fran, Gayle, Gemma, Herb, Jane, John, John, Kate, Kelvin, Laura-Benton, Licia, Michelle, Mike, Mike, Pam, Roy, Sara, Sylvia, Todd, Vivian, Wyllis, and those others we name now (*the People may add their own petitions*); we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all expecting a child—especially Catherine and Patrick, Kristen and Bailey—we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For those who have died, especially Paul Mintz, Elsie Campbell, Herb Reichlin, Fran Hoch, Sue West, Loren Kelley, Faye Henson, Stefan Copko, and those others we name now (*the People may add their own petitions*), we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all places in strife and unrest; for all those in danger; for prisoners, captives, and their families; for those who are hungry; we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love, we pray: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace to love our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Victimae Paschali laudes Wipo of Burgundy

Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises! A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest, wayfaring: "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he will go before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining; have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (see pew card)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 367

10:30 S-130, Schubert (see pew card)

THE LORD'S PRAYER Contemporary Version

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 S-164, Schubert (see pew card)

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 487. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life *The Call*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 657. Love divine, all loves excelling *Hyfrydol*

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE VOLUNTARY: Wer nur den lieben Gott, BWV 642 J. S. Bach

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

Wardens George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

Members David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles Malone, Allison Martin, Julian McKimmon, Sarah O'Connor, Yvette Smith, Perry Suk, Sam Wesonga

Officers Mike Rhaney (Treasurer), Anne Stokes (Clerk)

YOUR GIVING	\$4,183.46	operating income
Week of April 21	– \$9,927.00	operating expenses (2024 budget)
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	(\$5,743.54)	net shortfall



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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Stephanie Yancy
PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist and Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Annette Hughes (8:30) Anne Ramirez, Viola Baldwin (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Rene Garces (8:30) Helen Armstrong, Harlan Hagge (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Helen Armstrong
TORCHES (10:30)	Logan Lee, Beatrice Tarry
BANNER (10:30)	Liam Clay
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Ashley Clos
ALTAR FLOWERS	Meredith Watson
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Perry Suk
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Sheila Knapp

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The Rev. Stephanie Yancy	Co-interim Rector
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