

# HE IS RISEN!

*April 28, 2024*

*5th Sunday of Easter*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The fifth Sunday of Easter  
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## ENTER REST PRAY

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself  
on your journey, you are welcome here.

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during the service in the nursery

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## Welcome to St. Paul's

Welcome to St. Paul's Steamboat! As we gather together in fellowship this week, we extend a warm embrace to all who join us in worship and community. In the spirit of inclusivity and love, let us open our hearts to the grace and presence of God as we journey together in faith. May this time together be a source of inspiration, renewal, and connection for each of us.

Within the walls of our historic Episcopal Church, we are reminded of our rich heritage and the journey of faith that has brought us to this moment. From our humble beginnings to our present-day community, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, guided by the principles of compassion, justice, and reverence for all of God's creation. As inheritors of a tradition rooted in both ancient wisdom and modern insight, we embrace a faith that is both timeless and ever-evolving, seeking to live out the Gospel message in our lives and in the world around us.

In the Episcopal Church, we celebrate the beauty of diversity and the unity found in our common faith. With open minds and open hearts, we welcome individuals from all walks of life, embracing the unique gifts and perspectives each person brings. As we gather in worship, study, and service, we are called to be agents of God's love and reconciliation, working together to build a more just and compassionate society. So, as we embark on this journey of faith together, let us be guided by the example of Christ, who welcomed all with open arms and called us to love one another as he has loved us.

Welcome, beloved members and cherished visitors alike, to this sacred space where all are embraced and valued and where we are invited to encounter the living God and to be transformed by the power of grace. Together, let us seek the light of God's love and share it abundantly with one another and the world around us.

Blessing and Peace,

Jeremy +

The Very Rev Jeremy Lucas, Interim Rector

*“BCP” in the righthand margin followed by a page number means the red Book of Common Prayer. “H” and a number means the hymn number in the blue Hymnal 1982. “S” and a number means the service music number in the front section of the Hymnal 1982. Please don’t hesitate to ask for or offer help as needed!*

## **Prelude**

## **The Word of God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Procession Hymn** “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more” **H296**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen! **BCP p.355**

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

*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.

## **Gloria**

**S280**

## **The Collect of the Day**

**BCP p.225**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

**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 Lessons**

*Please be seated for the lessons.*

### **The First Lesson** Acts 8:26-40

“A Reading from the Book of Acts.”

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** *Deus, Deus meus*

**BCP p.612**

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

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

For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

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

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
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 he has done.

**The Second Lesson**      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.**

*Please stand as you are able and remain standing until invited to be seated for the sermon.*

**Gospel Hymn** “In Christ there is no east or west” v. 1

**H529**

**The Gospel** John 15:1-8

*Celebrant* 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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn** “How sweet the name of Jesus sounds” vv. 2-3

**H529**

**The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Jeremy Lucas

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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 IV**

**BCP p. 388**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Look graciously on your Church at St Paul's, and so guide the Search Committee and Vestry who shall find and 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.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Jane, Carrie, Carolyn, and Peter; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*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.*

## **Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

*If you have an announcement to make, please raise your hand and an usher will bring a microphone so that your announcement can be captured in the livestream/recording of the service.*

## **Communion Announcement**

### **The Holy Communion**

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*The people stand while representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the celebrant. The people may be seated after the elements are placed on the altar.*

### **Offertory Anthem “I will call upon the Lord”**

*Adapted from Psalm 18:3, 2 Samuel 22:47 by M. O’Shields. Arranged by Doug Holck.*

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# Doxology "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

## Doxology

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Melody from *Auserlesene Catholische  
Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623*

Adapt. and harm.  
Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here be-

Organ

Detailed description: This block contains the first four measures of the doxology. It features a Congregation part on a single treble clef staff and an Organ part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here be-".

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low; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise

Detailed description: This block contains measures 5 through 9. The Congregation part continues with the lyrics: "low; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise". The Organ part provides accompaniment. A fermata is placed over the final note of the organ part in measure 9.

10

Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

Detailed description: This block contains measures 10 through 13. The Congregation part continues with the lyrics: "Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-". The Organ part continues with accompaniment.

14

lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia!

Detailed description: This block contains measures 14 through 17, concluding the piece. The Congregation part finishes with the lyrics: "lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia!". The Organ part concludes with a final chord and a fermata over the last note.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

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*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:

**Holy, holy, holy** *sung by all*

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*The people then stand or kneel.*

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*Then 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.

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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **BCP**  
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*People and Celebrant*

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.*

**Fraction Anthem** “Christ our Passover” **S154**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail as the ushers direct, for either communion or a blessing. Communion is considered complete whether you receive both the bread and the wine, or just one or the other. For the bread, simply extend your hands palm-up, one on top of the other (please let the minister know if you would like gluten-free bread). For the wine, you may either dip the bread in the chalice (known as "intinction") or help guide the chalice to your mouth. If you prefer a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for the priest to pray God's blessing over you.*

**Communion Hymn** *all* “Come, my way, my truth, my life” **H487**



Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**Closing Hymn** “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.”

**H182**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

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

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

**Postlude Music**

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