

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

✠ April 28, 2024 ✠

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

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Welcome to Our Parish!



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Our Mission Statement:

Celebrate Christ + Serve Christ + Share Christ

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary: Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne
-Dietrich Buxtehude

Processional Hymn: 379
God is love: let heaven adore him *Abbot's Leigh*

Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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 266

Introduction *Antiphon*
Splendor and honor and
king-ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,
1. Splendor and honor and king-ly power are yours by right,
O Lord our God, 2. For you cre - a - ted ev - ery-thing that
is, and by your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be-ing. [Ant.]
3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your
blood you have re - deemed for God, 4. From ev - ery fam - ily, lan - guage,
peo - ple, and na - tion, a king - dom of priests to serve our God. [Ant.]
5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, 6. Be
wor - ship and praise, do - min - ion and splen - dor, for ev - er and for ev - er - more. [Ant.]

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.

People: Amen.

The Lessons

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.

Psalm 22:24-30

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 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.

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.

The Sequence Hymn:

487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15:1-8

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."

Priest:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Fr. Ray

The Nicene Creed (Stand.)

BCP 358

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

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church especially;

People: **The Church of Bangladesh, St. Phillip's, Greenville, St. James, Greenville, The 5th Grade Bridge Retreat. That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We especially pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

People: **Kevin Rauppius, Jim Hubbard, Katerina Goonen, Gardy Wilson, Amelia Okey**

Intercessor: We also pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week:

People: **Cathy and David Griffin**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially;

People: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop and Ray, our Priest-in-Charge; that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

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

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our Parish Prayer List;

People: **Caroline** (*Jan & Wendy Hope's granddaughter*), **Diane Woods, Les Woods, Abigail Duval, Shirley Hunt, Jack, Sam, Stephanie Sands** (*friends to Jan & Wendy Hope*), **Kay McCallum** (*mother-in-law to Julia McCallum*), **Roger** (*Jan Hope's brother*), **Lori Hoffman, Michelle Hinson, Donna Aloia** (*known to Judy Rauppis*), **Mark Hayden** (*friend to Becky Ferguson*), **Arthur** (*friend to Gardy and Jane Wilson*), **Marion Mannheim, David Caines, Margaret Albert** (*friend to Brandee Cate*), **Alan, Mike, and Carol Freeman.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our parish during our search for a new rector;

People: **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.**

Silence

Priest: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession is omitted in the Easter Season.



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in
Celebration of Hugh Rock's Memory by
Betsy and her children - Elise, Marshall, and Caroline.*

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

(The Ministers and People stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Fr. Ray's two-minute children's Conversation (ages 2 to 11)

BLESSING OF MILESTONES

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Milestones

(if you are celebrating this week, come forward)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Person of the Week: Christy Dutra

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem: Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
-K. Lee Scott

Offertory Hymn: 529
In Christ there is no east or west
McKee

The Great Thanksgiving, Rite II, Prayer B BCP 367

The Sanctus S 127

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 Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Celebrant: [Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia]

Every baptized Christian, regardless of age or denomination, is warmly invited to receive communion. If you can't make it to the altar, let one of our ushers know, and a priest will bring communion to you. If you or your children whether due to illness, age, baptized status, or any other reason would like a blessing instead of communion, please come forward to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest. We're delighted to welcome everyone to share in this special moment at the altar rail.

The Fraction Anthem

S 374

Sua bassa - - - - - 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.

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Communion Hymn:

581

Where charity and love prevail

Cheshire

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365, 366

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary:

Fanfare on *Agincourt Hymn*
-Charles Callahan

OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS



Acolytes:	<i>Caroline Ardis, George Hane, Ella Burgess</i>
Lectors:	<i>Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Linda Caines</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	<i>David Stringer, Jimmy Fitzpatrick</i>
Ushers:	<i>Richard Hill, Christy Dutra</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Linda Campfield, Linda Craig, Karen Lambruschi, Sheilah Kimmel, Betsy Rock, Reesa McCrorey, Kayla Newsome</i>
Audio/Video:	<i>Mike Dutra and Noah Burgess</i>
Vestry of the Week:	<i>Christy Dutra</i>
Nursery:	<i>Randy Hart</i>
Basket-of-the-Week:	<i>Education = Hope</i>
Pastoral Care Team:	<i><u>Frances Rouse</u>, Sally Baker, Sandra Gause, Kristin Kiblinger, Toni Hendrix, Judy Rauppius, Diane Rudolph, Charlie Scoville, Martha Macdonald, Tami Windell, Barbara Dawson, Louise Hane, Carole Tiedeman</i>

Your Vestry

2024

*Ben Boyles
Robert Carter*

Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sr. Warden
Karen Hill

2025

*Jeff Couick
Randy Hart*

Julia McCallum, Jr. Warden
Stephen McGill

2026

*Steve Dawson
Christy Dutra*

*Karen Lambruschi
Jim Russell*

The Very Rev. Dr. Raymond Joe Waldon – Presiding Officer
John Stewart, Assisting Clerk