

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 a.m.

at Christ UCC

TRINITY

Episcopal Church





1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_

1-3



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

*Final Ending*



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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### The Liturgy of the Word

✠ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.*

PRELUDE

*Prelude in a minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN IN PROCESSION *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*  
*(see hymn on opposite page)*

ENGELBERG

OPENING ACCLAMATION

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

**People** *And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.*

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.**

# GLORIA



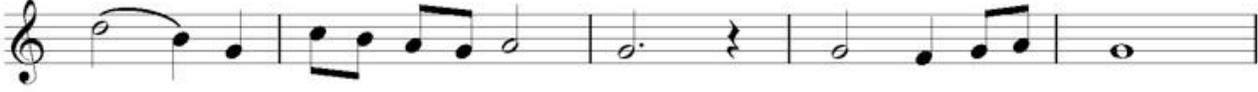
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of



God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## 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.*

## FIRST READING

**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:

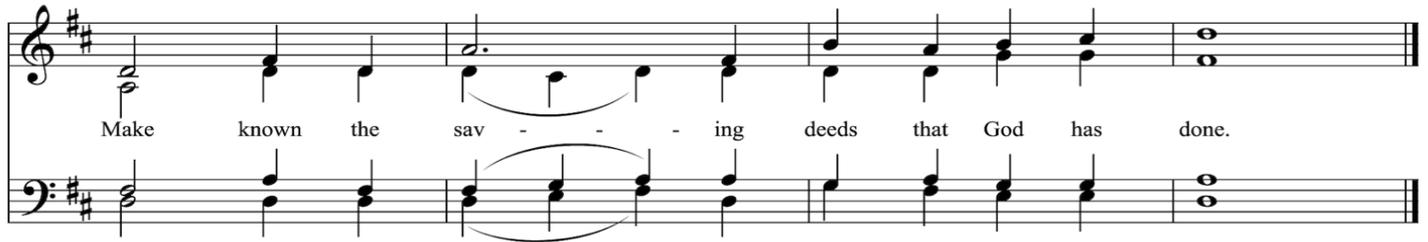
“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

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.



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 forever!”**

*ANTIPHON*

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.**

*ANTIPHON*

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; \*

**they shall be known as the LORD’s forever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

**the saving deeds that he has done.**

*ANTIPHON*

## THE EPISTLE

## 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

THE CALL



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

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."

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector

NICENE CREED

*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

*Intercessor* As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, we seek to abide in the Spirit of love and bring our prayers to God, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound in deeds of service and justice. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may continually draw life from Christ and bear a rich harvest of love and service for God's glory. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the grace of letting go, that God will help us to let go of those things which need to be pruned so that life and love may flow through us as signs of God's tender care. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who feel cut off from God, friends, themselves, or life itself, that God will show them how they are connected and from whom they can draw life. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For an end to war and violence in all places, that God will turn hearts from destructive deeds, open pathways for dialogue, and protect the innocent from harm. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially Eileen, Charles, Brooks, and others we now name, that Christ will renew the gift of life within them and strengthen them in God's love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name, that they may abide in the love of God forever. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, the Apostles Philip and James, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

*Celebrant* 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 so that loving one another we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven 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.

*Celebrant*

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:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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 forever. ***Amen.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

***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 forever. Amen.***

## FRACTION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Bread of the World*

John Abdenour

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

POST-COMMUNION 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.  
Empower us by your Spirit  
always to proclaim  
your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

HYMN

*In Christ there is no East or West*

MCKEE

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

*Deacon*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in a minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach



## Liturgical Ministers

April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Ann Szmania

Ivan Martin

Joanne Gulya

Dick Ditterline

Cole Hamel

Pat Sisson

Wayne Parr

Altar Guild

Eucharistic Minister

Reader

Intercessor

Usher

Usher

Acolyte

### Choir

Garry Applegate

Jonathan Boksan

Bailey Fulginiti

Stacy Gabel

Hattye Magee

Joyce Meinke

Jody Miller

Sebastian Paff

Christina Shoemaker

Mark Shoemaker

Stephan Taylor

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**  
**April 28, 2024**

**Our Partner-Parish:**

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

**In the Diocese of Bethlehem:**

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop  
St. John's, Hamlin; and Lay Formation

**In the Anglican Communion:**

The Church of Bangladesh



**Please pray especially for:**

- ❖ Eileen Gianguzi (sister-in-law of Michelle Mills), who has entered hospice care. Please also remember Eileen's husband, Charles Gianguzi, Jr., who faces his own health struggles.
- ❖ Brooks Holborn (friend of Ann Szmania), who has entered hospice care.

**Please pray for others in need:**

Harold and Pam Basmadjian, Loretta Brobst, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Mark D'Angelo, Joan Dawson, Connie Evans, Eileen Gianguzi, Rheta and Dick Matthews, Patti Pasda, Liz Roche, Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Leah Stotter, Carol and Jack Vickrey

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

**[prayerlist@trinitybeth.org](mailto:prayerlist@trinitybeth.org) - by noon on Wednesday.**

Names will remain on the list for a month.

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The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

The Rev. Canon Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Priest Associate

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Sue Ditterline

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Marcie Lightwood

Ivan Martin

Sandy Mesics