

Welcome to
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Alive in Christ, Serving Together, Growing in Love

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

The Word of God

The Processional Hymn 379

Verses 1 and 3 only, at 8:00 a.m.

Charles Waterhouse, cantor at 10:15 a.m.

Abbot's Leigh

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - jice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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 Said at 8:00 a.m.

Sung at 10:15 a.m.

Hymnal, S 278

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,
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

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.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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.

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Said at 8:00 a.m.

Sung by Cantor at 10:15 a.m.

- 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 the First Letter of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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My God, how awe-some is your love, your grace, your truth, your ho - ly light, your
 You come to us in Je - sus Christ. In him you show your own true Self, com -
 How is it, Lord, we make a mess, our best in - ten - tions go a - wry, we
 My God, you come to us a - gain, you don't give up, you're with us still: The
 My God, how awe-some is your love! Your grace, your truth, your ho - ly light, your

Word, your Spir - it like a dove: Bring us to - geth - er in your sight.
 pass - ion, friend - ship, all that's best, a gift be - yond the great - est wealth.
 trap our soul in sin's car - ess, we turn from you, we cheat, we lie.
 Cross, the nails, the blood, the pain, a love the world can nev - er kill.
 Word, your Spir - it like a dove bring us to - geth - er in your sight.

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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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Douglas

The Nicene Creed

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 Form V

BCP, 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond: Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Dabney, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially Joseph, our President, and Ron, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Mark, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, we give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month. Look with favor we pray upon your servants as they begin another year. Bless them in their many endeavors-strengthen them and comfort them all the days of their lives. We ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *Standing*

BCP, 360

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

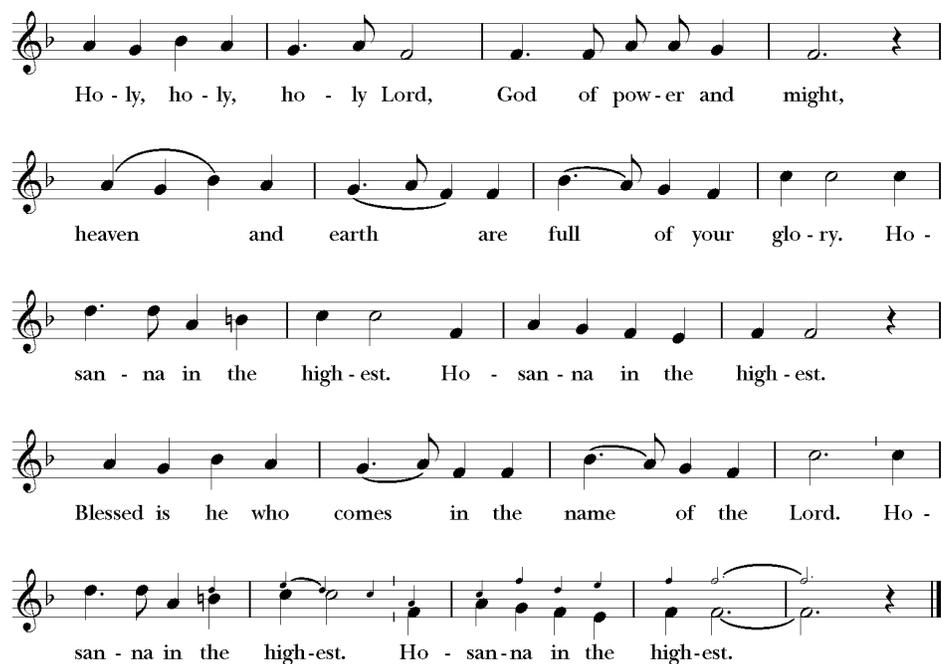
The Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
Him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye
heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Eucharistic Prayer B *Standing*

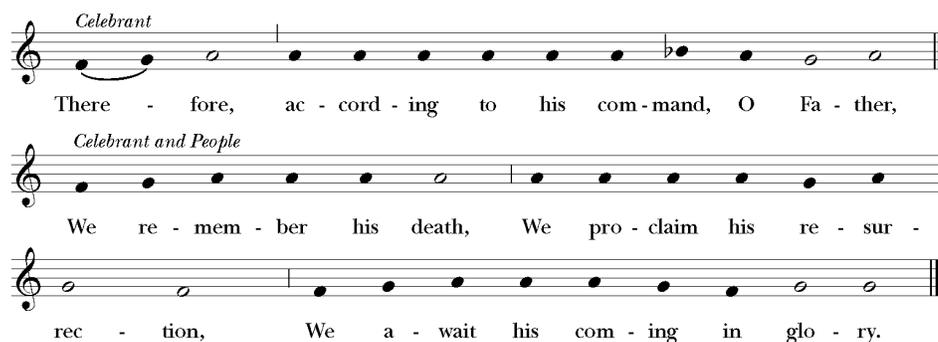
BCP, 367



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Hymnal, S 136



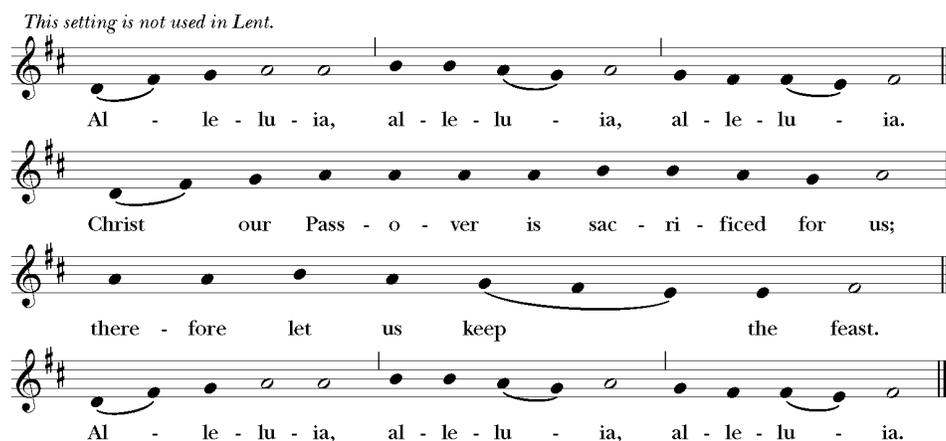
Celebrant
 There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
 We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
 rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, S 119

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal, S 154



This setting is not used in Lent.
 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.

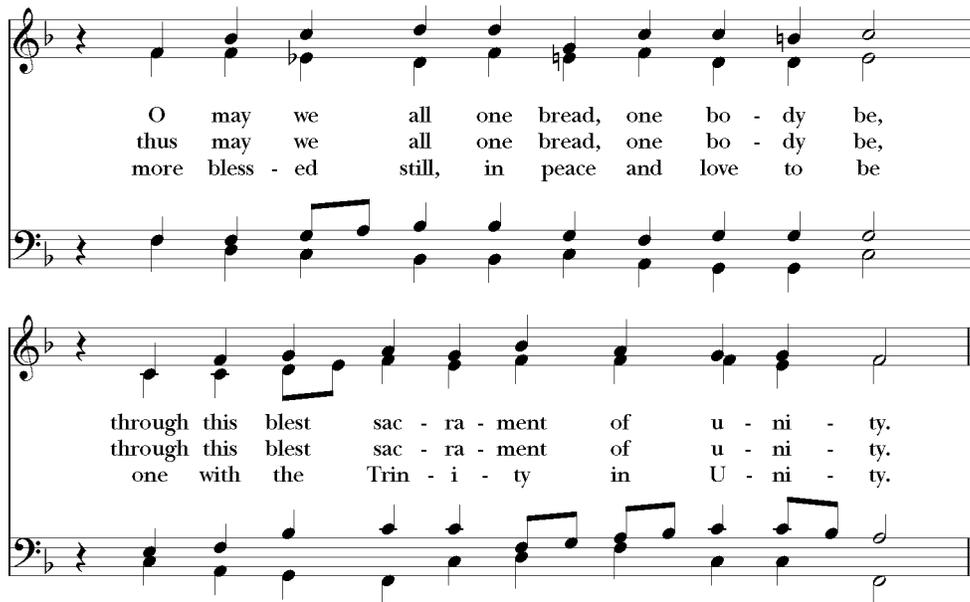
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion Hymn 315

Song No. 1

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,
 that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,
 grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,
 with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;



O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Hymn 500

Please stand for the Post-Communion Hymn

Komm, Gott Schöpfer



1 Cre - a - tor Spi - rit, by whose aid the world's foun -
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, the Fa - ther's
 3 Plen - teous of grace, come from on high, rich in thy
 da - tions first were laid, come, vis - it ev - ery hum - ble
 prom - ised Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly Fount, thrice ho - ly
 seven - fold en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truth re -
 mind; come, pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and
 Fire, our hearts with heaven - ly love in - spire; come, and thy
 ceive, and prac - tice all that we be - lieve; give us thy -
 sor - row set us free, and make thy tem - ples wor - thy thee.
 sa - cred unc - tion bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.
 self, that we may see the Fa - ther and the Son by thee.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and people

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Season Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Closing Hymn 529

McKee

Verses 1 and 3 only, at 8:00 a.m.

Unison or harmony

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.

The Dismissal

The People respond saying "Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia."

Postlude *Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clarke, Carol, Maxine, Liv Maxine, Kim, Megan, Beverly, Lloyd, Sharon, Randee, Charlie, John, Gordon, Sandy, Francene, Stephen, Barbara, Jennifer, Wendy, Magdalena, Susie, Lee-Ann, Jill, Bobby, Connie, Carla, Rene, Diane, Bill, Yvonne, Becky & Family, Kathy, D.J., Denise, Mareynah, Anthony, June, Enil, Joe, Susan, Marysue, Juliet. (Please help us update our prayer list; call the church office, 962-3089, with names to be added or removed).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Diocese of Southwest Florida, The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, for our Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina and Western Louisiana; for St. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; St. Andrew's, Boca Grande; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill; St. Andrew's, Tampa; St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres.

SERVING TODAY

8:00

Dennis Martin, Gipcell Free, Dawn Kita

Readers: Dawn Kita, Dennis Martin

Usher: Jim Minsterl

Greeter: Beth Ries

Sound Board: Bill Szelistowski

10:15

Lou Weissing, Fran Weissing, Candy Brandt

Readers: Yvonne Fraser, Candy Brandt

Usher: Robert Brophy

Sound Board: Matt Sammon

Altar Flowers: Diann Crawford, Becky Jenkins

Sanitizing: Robert Brophy