

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021  
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



# HOLY EUCHARIST

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## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Saraband and Interlude*

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

## HYMN

*For the safety of all, the hymns will be sung by the cantor only.*



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
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.



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



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

*music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)  
text: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*All say together the Collect for Purity.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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 people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

*Acts 8:26-40*

**A**N 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### THE GRADUAL: PSALM 22:24-30

*Deus, Deus meus*

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

**M**Y PRAISE IS OF HIM in the great assembly; \*  
**MI** 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.**

**B**ELOVED, 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. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA



*music: Celtic Mass; Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981), arr. Christopher Walker (b. 1947)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:1-8*

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**J**ESUS 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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Following the Gospel, the Alleluia is sung again.*

*After a brief period of silence for reflection, the people stand as we reaffirm our faith.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand.*

**W**E 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* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **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 pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Joseph, our President; Ralph, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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

*Intercessor* We pray for St. Paul's ministries of Community Engagement as we listen, learn, and work together. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

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

*Intercessor* We pray for those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit, especially *N*.

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

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

*Intercessor* We pray for those who have died, especially *N*. 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.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

*The Presider offers a concluding collect.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

— THE HOLY COMMUNION —

THE OFFERTORY

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*music:* Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

*text:* Edith Downing (b. 1922)

CHRIST, THE VINE, and God, the gardener,  
we, the branches bearing fruit.

We can bring forth shoots of promise  
when our lives in Christ take root.

Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing,  
you fulfilled the prophet's trust.

And you pray that we, your body,  
will fulfill your trust in us.

Christ, may we submit to pruning  
that we bear more grapes for wine.  
Help us, when we're overburdened,  
draw new strength from you, the vine.

You invite us to be partners,  
growing Spirit's fruit anew.  
Keep us one in love together:  
you in us, and we in you!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people stand.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

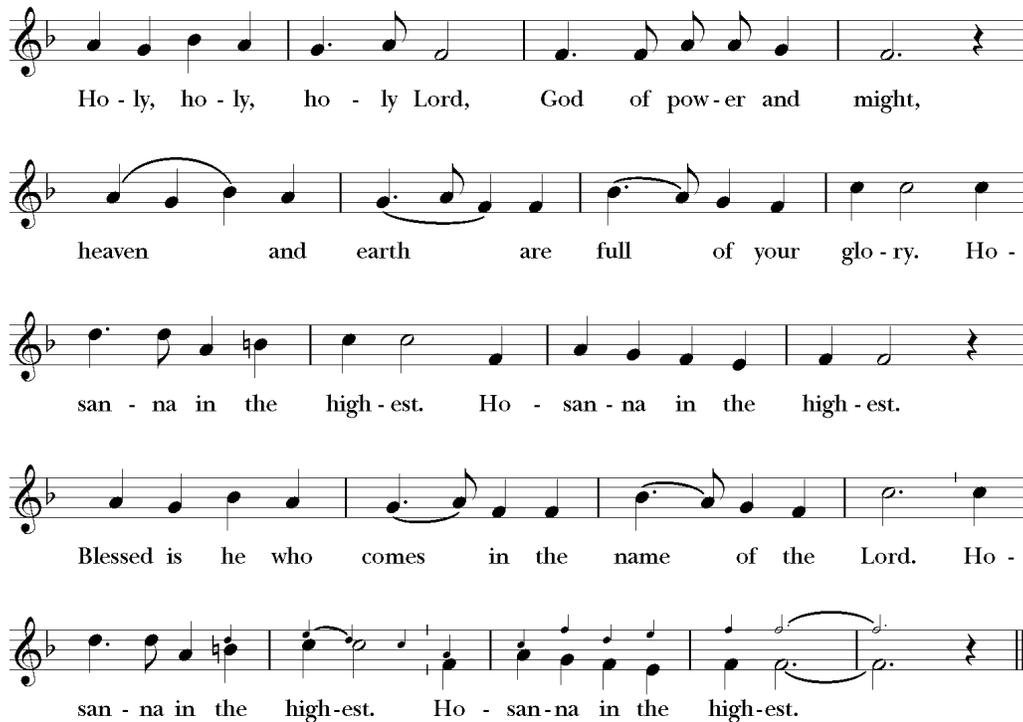
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* 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:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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.

*music:* From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*text:* Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

*The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues*

**H**OLY 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:

*The people and Presider say together*

**C**HRIST HAS DIED.  
**C**hrist is risen.  
**C**hrist will come again.

*The Presider continues*

**W**E 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,

**O**UR 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 Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

#### **THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION**

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward to receive the bread. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a prayer; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

**H**E THAT RAISED UP JESUS from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his spirit that dwelleth in us. Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoiceth, my flesh shall also rest in hope. Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand and say together.*

**E**TERNAL 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

HYMN

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.

*music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)*  
*text: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The people are then seated and will be dismissed by an usher per row.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Jean Roy and Caroline Riehy.  
The flowers in the narthex are given in memory of PeeDee Hoke.*

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## PARTICIPANTS

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### *Clergy*

The Reverend Dr. Charles T. Dupree, *Rector*  
The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

### *Preacher*

The Reverend Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*

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Stephanie Hill Blackwood, Lynn Kotrady, Mike Kotrady, James McClure, *Quartet*

### *Lectors*

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Matt Stehle

### *Intercessor*

Barbara Holley

### *Crucifer*

Stephen Peple



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