

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH!
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021 AT 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.



+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Welcome to Christ Church. On the final Sundays of Easter, our attention is directed to the results in our lives of Jesus' dying and rising: the results of Baptism and Eucharist. The Gospel reading today describes our life in Christ. That life is characterized by our love for Jesus as the ground of our faithfulness. We are as intimately bound up in the life of the risen Jesus as the branches of a plant, drawing our new life directly from him.

Like a vine growing new branches, the early Church began to spread beyond Jerusalem almost immediately, bound together in Christ's love and led by the Spirit. In today's reading from Acts, Philip, one of the seven ordained with Stephen, preaches the Gospel to an official of the Queen of Ethiopia. This preaching was prompted by the official's reading of the "Suffering Servant" passage from Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The Ethiopian is converted and baptized on the spot.

Today's reading from First John carries on his theme of our share in God's self-giving love (agape). We are to reflect in our own living and ministry that same love which was manifested to us in Jesus' dying and rising. This is the life he shares with us.

We, the People of God, gather in Eucharist to remember and share the story of God's love for us. Our actions in Eucharist are a liturgical expression of self-giving love toward God and others. As we receive Holy Communion, God implants in us Jesus' own life and equips us to extend the divine love to all people in concrete actions of ministry and proclamation.

God's People Gather Together

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant and People

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.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, 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 people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 8:26-40).

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The 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 people stand as they are able.

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

The Sermon

+ *May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.*

The people stand as they are able.

The Apostles' Creed (During the Easter Season)

Officiant and People together, all standing

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

***He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
+ the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Celebrant:

**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.***

LEM:

For the Church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Washington, and for Robert, our Celebrant today. We pray that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound, as we draw our life from the Risen Christ. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for St. Monica and St. James, DC. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that the Spirit will help us to bear witness to the good news of God's love, in deeds of justice, and service to others. **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 love. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those places overwhelmed by the Corvid virus, particularly India and Brazil, that God will slow the spread, give strength to all caregivers, and open opportunities for vaccinations. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For an end to violence in our cities and communities, 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 those on our Prayer List. **(The people may add petitions for any need or concern)** We pray 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. **(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud)** May they abide in the love of God for ever. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the blessings we have received. **(The people are invited to name their thanksgivings)** We give thanks this week for Mary Thomas who is celebrating her birthday. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus 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.**

All: 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.

The Peace

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

The Presentation of Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

Celebrant 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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Celebrant and People

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(At 10:00 a.m.) Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori for Spiritual Communion

My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Celebrant Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the grave. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer (Church of England)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing for Eastertide (Church of England)

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you,
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on (name) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

LEM He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

April Birthdays

4 Mary Thomas
9 James Owens
11 Karen Colton
11 Lynne Redmond
12 Keith Owens
12 Paul Nelson
13 Eddie McDonald
17 Karen Hudson
22 Henry Oliver
24 Joe Drumgoole
27 Brenda Monshower
30 Ava Ciabattoni

April Anniversaries

1 Paul & Mellie Nelson
1 Herbie & Lynne Redmond
9 John & Patti Harhai
19 Ebie & Jane Cooper
21 Bill & Marie Bennett
29 Jerry & Kathy Healy

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Pray for Parish Members: **Caroline Baldwin, Jennifer Bryant, Gale Edger, Mike Moore, Ben & Dorothy Pecson, Joan Schuhart, Fred Wyant, Stephen Hunt, Betty Fuqua, Marilynn Butterfield, Georgia Hurry, Kathy Healy, and Helen Wright.**

Also pray for: **Lily Smith – Blackwell; Philip Quade, Tim Butler – Burch; Richard Griffith - Colton; Luther Wolfe, Carolyn Cave, Bill Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling – Cooper; Marvin Jones - Donahue; Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson- Donaldson; Cheryl Stubbs, Marvin and Kathy – Eaton; Frances Clemenos – Edger; Myra & Ken Fitch, George Frioux, Anika Yamamoto- Fitch; Krystal, Annabelle and Chase – Frawley; Debbie and William Windsor – Friess; Joe Fuller – Fuqua; Jessie Tysinger – Graves; Paul Marlo, Eric & Donna Frattini- Hailey; Jim Krider, Glenda Lurba, Lewie Jenkins, Helene Harhai – Harhai; Scott Peabody - Heflin; Lynn Boan – Jayroe; The Rev. Beverly Weatherly, Jim Jubinski-Jubinski; Kay DesMarais – Kauffman; Sarah Swartz – Loker; John Bernier, John Gradwell – McCubbin; Chris Gass – Molish; Betty Mintz, Kayla Baker – Monshower; Carolina Montillo, April Parlett, Judie Gibson and Family – Montillo; Jessica Higgs – M. Oliver; Janet Oliver, Frank Davis – T. Oliver; Dan Norris, Erik Anderson, Anneliese Augustine-Penk; Lucy Cardwell and Rob Harding – Reeves; Jennifer Peacock – Rocheleau; Joe Turner, Betty Roush - Saunders; Shophi Grace, Nicholas, Ed & Cynthia Brown, Shane Roberts, Johnny Schuhart, Johnny Keenan - Schuhart; Barbara Carlton-Shupe, Arty Thompson; Frankie Tippett, William DeLorme, Margie Cheseldine – Simmons, Donna Mae Duggin, Eddie Becker-Sirk; Jackie Dickey, Bob Russell, John Walker, Jackie Williams-Smith; Nick Potts, Margaret Roberts, Matt Castle – Tierney; Candi Kocevar – Topolski; Robert Wesley – Wesley; Nicci DeVous, Kolby Inman – Tyner; Father Paul Brisbane – Wesley; Bruce Tobiasson, Ed Poplin, Johnny – Westerfield; Eddie Gerlach, Ann Marie Healey, George Gerlach, Barrett Wright, Hope & Eddie Brouwer Ancher, Margaret Donahue- Wright**

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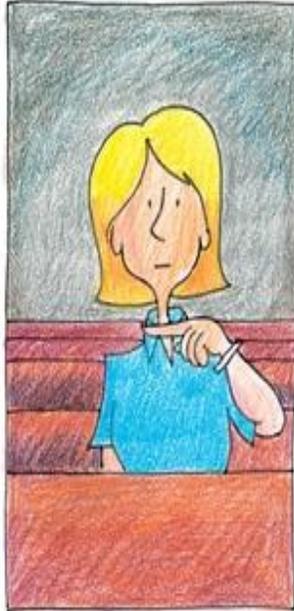
Please pray for the following parishes and concerns this coming week:

♦ St. Monica and St. James, DC

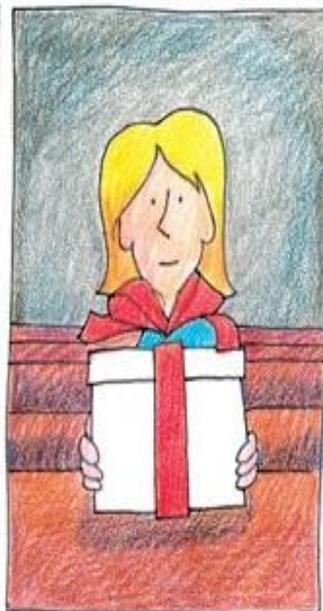
How a clergy spouse or partner can assist with Sermons in Search of a conclusion.



1. THE WATCH
A subtle glance downward at the wrist. Watches can be programmed with audible alarm if needed.



2. THE SCISSORS
Depending on urgency, a slow or rapid gesture indicating a cutting action.



3. THE PRESENT
If visual aids are needed, hold a gift in view of the preacher as a way of communicating that it's time to wrap it up.



4. THE LANDING
When all else fails, use appropriate costumes to indicate that it's time to bring this sermon in for a landing.



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8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
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Office Hours

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Class of 2023: Lynn Burton, Dave Hudson, Dottie McCubbin
Class of 2024: John Deatrack, Paul Nelson, Lynne Redmond