



Holy Eucharist II

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

APRIL 28, 2024

10:30 AM RITE II SERVICE

Welcome to St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church where we celebrate the glory of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service, and fellowship. We believe God calls us to grow by expanding our spiritual life, focusing our outreach, and increasing our ministry to one another.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Rev. Michael Delk |
| <i>Deacon</i> | The Rev. Al Prichard |
| <i>Acolytes</i> | Tara Steed, Bob Acciavatti, Caroline Beddow |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Grace Ayscue, Anne Greza, Patty Harman, Susan Seitz |
| <i>Coffee Hour</i> | Spears, Turley |
| <i>Eucharistic M.</i> | A. Nicely |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | Dede Burnell |
| <i>Music</i> | Dr. Bill Haller |
| <i>Producers</i> | Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan |
| <i>Readers</i> | Carol Beall, John Beall |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Jim Sharley, Kathy Fedan |
| <i>Vestry Closer</i> | Bryan Tolka |

Flowers on the altar are given by Corey Farris in loving memory of his aunts and uncles Louise and Mario Palumbo, Emile and Melba Farris, Helen Farris, his cousins John and Joe Farris, and his godfather Hugh McPherson.

The Word of God

PRELUDE

J. BIERY

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People may stand for praise.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#296

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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 278

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; re-
ceive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* 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.

The People may be seated for the readings.

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. *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS 22:24-30

John Stainer, Anglican Chant **Tone 3**

*Sing the first | line to|gether * and then go|to the|se-cond|line.*

My praise is of him in the | great as|sembly; *
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 for | ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and | turn-to
the | LORD, *
and all the families of the | nations shall | bow
be|fore him.

For kingship be|longs-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 be|fore him.

My soul shall live for him;
my des|cendants shall | serve him; *
they shall be | known as-the | LORD'S for | ever.

† They shall come and make known
to a | people yet-un|born *
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. *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

#513

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

The People may stand when the Gospel is raised.

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. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY

THE REV. AL PRICHARD

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

The People may stand for recitation of this historic Creed, continuing the journey in the tradition of our forebearers.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

*The People may stand or kneel for the prayers.
The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Matthew**, our Bishop; **Michael**, our Rector; **Al**, our Deacon; our companion

diocese, Colombia; on the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **St. Mark's, Berkeley Springs and St. Mark's, St. Albans** and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

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

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially **Billy Rodd**, eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For **Audrey; David Brookman; David Brown; Sharon Cook; Linde Crawford; John Crichton; Jo Corey; Ginny Dansby; Rosa Davin; Angie Dishauzi; Irene Evans; Katie Finklea; Londia Goff; David Hall; Nathan Harding; Jerrey Hoyt; Jazzlyn Hughes; Michael Hurst; Vicki Iber; Sheena Kennedy; Carolyn Kidd; Carol Klinke; Mauree Krofina; David Martinelli; Molly Martinelli; Paula Martinelli; Melissa Metheny; Wes Nugent; Jeff O'Neil; Naomi Roberts; Earl Shafer; Jim Sharley; Spencer Stemple; Ruth Stockwell; Hayes Theiling Schreurs; Becky Thurston; Michael Williams; Jan Oliver; Sharon Richman; Kari Røng; Kim Rose; Hap Rudolph; Jennifer Smith; Herlinda Solis; Roger Spears; Amanda Street; Mary Lou Vaske; Alesha Wible.**

*Additional prayers may be offered at this time,
either silently or aloud.*

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The People may stand. The Celebrant says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Minister(s) and People exchange the Peace.

Then the People may be seated while the table is prepared.

RECOGNITION OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday Prayer: Gracious God, as we rejoice in the birthday of [*this your child / these your children*], we pray that the year ahead will be one of blessing and peace, and that the year will bring continual joy in the knowledge of your steadfast grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays: *Apr. 30:* Kasey Yost

Anniversary Prayer: Loving God, you have blessed [*this couple / these couples*] with the gift of marriage: we pray that they may continue to love, honor, and cherish each other, and that they will find in each other the reflection of your abiding and sustaining grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries: *Apr. 28:* Mark & Linda Yost

DEDICATION OF NEW BIBLE

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Celebrant Jesus opened their minds:

People To understand the Scriptures.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

O heavenly Father, whose blessed Son taught the disciples in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself: Accept this Bible which we dedicate here today, and grant that we may so diligently search your holy Word that we may find in the wisdom that leads to salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

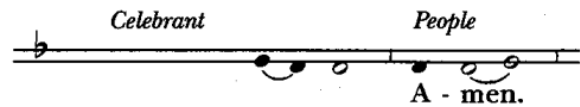
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Thomas à Becket and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

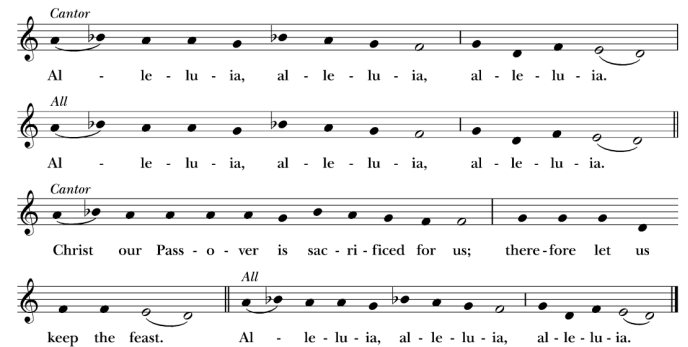
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All say the Prayer together.

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 FRACTION

#S 151



THE INVITATION

BCP 364

The People may be seated.

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

BCP 457

Everyone is invited forward to the altar rail. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not taking Holy Communion are invited to come up for a blessing; cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available. The wine is offered in two ways, a chalice for drinking and a smaller cup for intinction. If you abstain from wine for spiritual or health reasons, the fullness of Communion is offered in the bread alone.

Once served, you may return to your seat. After all have been served, and the Table cleared, you will be invited to pray together.

COMMUNION HYMN

#323

*BREAD OF HEAVEN, ON THEE WE FEED***THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

The People may stand or kneel. All pray together:

Eternal 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.

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 BLESSING**CLOSING HYMN**

#449

*O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH***DISMISSAL***Deacon:* [Gives the dismissal.]*People:* *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***POSTLUDE**

T. ALBRECHT

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today:** 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:00 am **Formation Class on Mark**
10:30 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II** (also on YouTube)
Coffee Hour
- May 2:** 7:00 pm *Fellowship Committee Meeting* Thursday on Zoom
- May 5:** 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:00 am **Formation Class on Mark**
10:30 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II** (also on YouTube)
Coffee Hour
- May 6:** 5:30 pm *Finance Committee Meeting* on Monday
- May 8:** 12:30 pm *Backpack Feeding Program* on Wednesday at Scott's Run Settlement House
- May 9:** 7:00 pm **Ascension Day Holy Eucharist II** at Trinity Episcopal Church on Thursday
- May 12:** *Mother's Day*
8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:00 am **Formation Class on Mark**
10:30 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II** (also on YouTube)
Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ascension Day:** On Thursday, May 2, 40 days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost, we celebrate Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended bodily into heaven. We will honor this occasion in the life of the Church with Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm. This will be a joint service with our brothers and sisters at Trinity, and we will be at Trinity for this sacred event.

OUR PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Michael Delk, *Rector*
The Rev. Al Prichard, *Deacon*

Dr. William Haller, *Director of Music*
Natalie Homer, *Parish Administrator*
Angela Carver, *Youth Formation Leader*
Bethany Kulchock, *Nursery Attendant*
Tyler Rigby, *Nursery Attendant*

OUR VESTRY

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