



+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

Morning Prayer: Rite 2

WELCOME

HYMN: #296 “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

Engelberg

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him and Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
- 3 The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips. BCP, pg. 80
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!*

Harold Friedell

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!
 Such a Way as gives us breath:
Such a Truth as ends all strife:
 Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
 Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
 Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart!
 Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
 Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Redeemer Choir

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. David J. Ware

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant
People
Officiant

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

BCP, pg. 97

All

**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 SUFFRAGES FORM B

The Leader and People pray responsively

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
All **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
Officiant Day by day we bless you;
All **We praise your name for ever.**
Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
All **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
All **For we put our trust in you.**
Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
All **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. **Amen.**

People **Amen.**

THE BENEDICAMUS

BCP, pg. 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
All **Amen.**

HYMN: #379 "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

Abbot's Leigh

- 1 God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.
- 2 God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.
- 3 God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY: *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

Bert Landman

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Please prayer for those who have died: Fran Ober

Ordinarily names remain on our prayer list for a month. If you would like someone's name to continue – please contact the office.