

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**21 April 2024**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**28 April 2024**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

**Book of Common Prayer (BCP 355)**

*Welcome to St. Andrew's'. We are honored by your presence.*

*Keep a quiet space: This is a house of prayer for all people.*

*Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

**The Word of God**

**Opening Voluntary**

**Hymn at the Procession**

**Hymnal 296**

“We Know that Christ is Raised!”

*Engleberg*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

**The Pascha nostrum**

**WLP 880**

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us. Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Now Christ is raised And will not die again. Death has no more Dominion over him Through him we die

To sin and live to God Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! In Christ we see

The first fruits of the dead Though Adam's sin Had doomed all flesh to die, In Christ's new life Shall all be made alive. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray

### **The Collect of the Day**

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 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 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 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 his 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.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my voice 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.” **[Antiphon]**

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. **[Ant.]**

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. **[Ant.]**

**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 ought also to love one another. No one has 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 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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

**The Sequence Hymn:**

**Hymnal 513**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

*Bridegroom*

**The Gospel****John 15:1-8**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father 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 that 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."

**Priest:** The Gospel of our Lord

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

**The Homily****The Rev. Annie Knazs Jung****The Nicene Creed****BCP 358****The Prayers of the People: Form IV****BCP 388****The Peace****Welcome and Announcements**

*During this time, our Rector will welcome friends, new and old, and offer the opportunity to come forward for birthday and anniversary blessings and prayers for safe travels. Please come forward as you are able.*

**The Liturgy of the Table****The Offertory Anthem**

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” Calvin Hampton

*Text: George Herbert; Hymnal 403*

**Hymn at the Presentation** Hymnal 400

“Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow...Alleluia!

**Eucharistic Prayer D** BCP 372

**Sanctus and Benedictus** Hymnal S129 .

**The Lord’s Prayer** BCP 365

**The Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover** WLP 866

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive*

*Holy Eucharist. (If you prefer, you are invited to come forward and  
cross your hands over your heart to receive a blessing.)*

**The Communion Anthem:**

“He is the Way” David Hurd

*Text: W. H. Auden; Hymnal # 463.*

**Post Communion Prayer** BCP 365

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.*

### **The Eastertide 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.*

**Hymn at the Procession**  
is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him!

**Hymnal 379**  
*Abott's Leigh*

“God

### **The Dismissal**

### **Closing Voluntary**