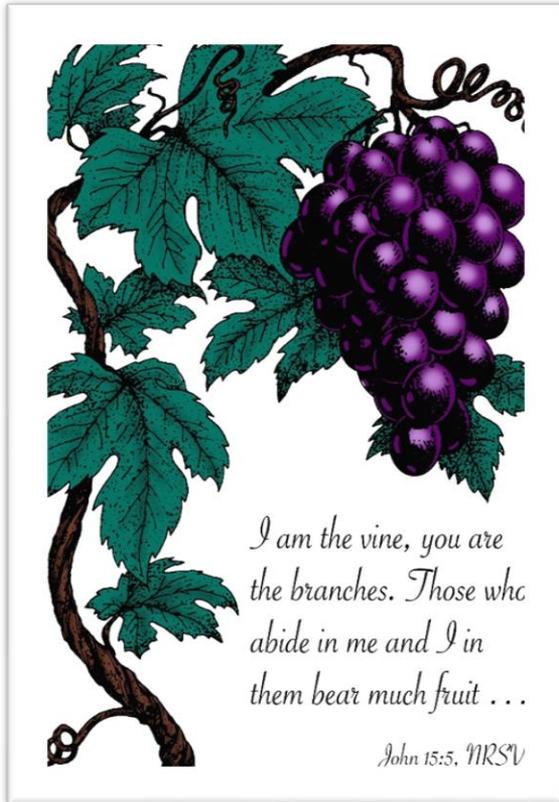


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1– 5:00 PM



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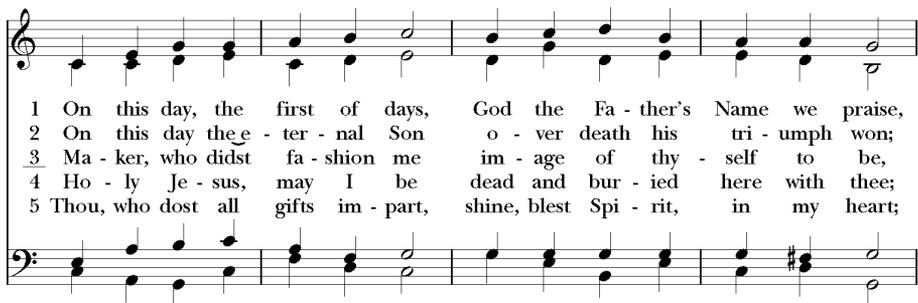
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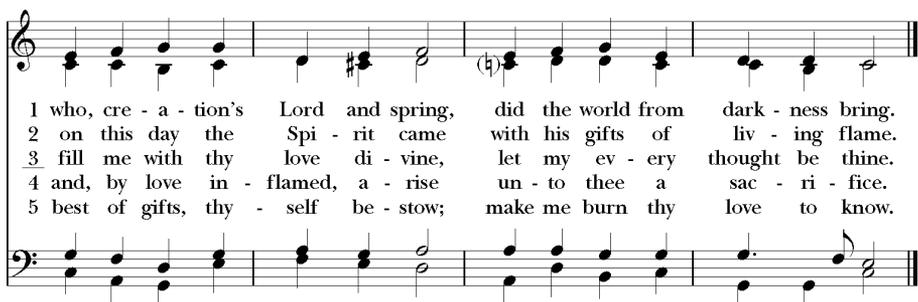
## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn – #47 “On this day, the first of days”



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;  
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;



1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.  
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.  
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.  
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,  
dwell within my heart alone;  
thou dost give thyself to me:  
help me give myself to thee.

*Stanzas 1 and 2 may be sung as a sequence hymn.*

Words: Latin, tr. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

# Glory to God

Gloria – S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 First Lesson – 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 22:24-30**

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## The Second Lesson – 1 John 4:7-21

*Reader*            *The Word of the Lord.*

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

**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. 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.

## Sequence Hymn - #379 "God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"

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 - joice; 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.

## The Gospel – John 15:1-8

*Celebrant*     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."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Andrew VanBuren, Priest-in-Charge

*A period of silence follows the homily for reflection and silent prayer.*

## The Nicene Creed

**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**

*The Leader says*

God of Life, we praise you and we lift our prayers to you this day. Open our lips, O Lord;  
**let our mouths proclaim your praise.**

We pray for our hurting world, that we may work for the unity of all people, that Christ's body may be one. Open our

lips, O Lord;

**let our mouths proclaim your praise.**

We pray for those in positions of power, that they might use their authority wisely and justly to shape a more peaceful world. Open our lips, O Lord;

**let our mouths proclaim your praise.**

We pray for all who are struggling and who look for hope in the Easter message: all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from oppression to freedom, from loneliness to love.

*Silence. The People may add their prayers, silently or aloud.*

Open our lips, O Lord;

**let our mouths proclaim your praise.**

We give thanks for your creation that you have blessed us with: help us to care for the natural world so that it can be enjoyed by our sisters and brothers and those who come after us. Open our lips, O Lord;

**let our mouths proclaim your praise.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may share with joy in Jesus' resurrection.

*Silence. The People may add their prayers, silently or aloud.*

Open our lips, O Lord;

**let our mouths proclaim your praise.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the following collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

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

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Music

*Quiet music is played while the Altar is prepared*

## Presentation Hymn

*Doxology 380, v.3*

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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. 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Sanctus – WLP 858*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes". The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.***

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

**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!

### Fraction Anthem

*Holy Manna – WLP 761*

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

### Invitation

*The Celebrant invites everyone to Communion using these words*  
The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Communion

*Everyone may receive Communion at St. Gabriel's. The minister will distribute the bread to you at your seat. To receive the bread, open your hands palm-up, and the minister will place the bagged wafer in your hand. Once the minister has moved away, you can lift up your mask and eat the bread. For a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest as the minister approaches you.*

# Communion Hymn - #335 "I am the bread of life"



1 I am the bread of life; — they who  
 2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my  
 3 (Un-) less — you eat — of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that —



1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of — Man — and —  
 4 I — am the life. — They who be -  
 5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for  
 3 drink — of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they  
 5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.  
 5 come — in - to — the — world. —



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



up, and I will raise them up on the  
up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 5 Yes, day.  
last day. 2 The  
3 Un- day.  
4 —  
5 Yes,  
(♩)

1-4 Final Ending

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.*

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## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**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 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.**

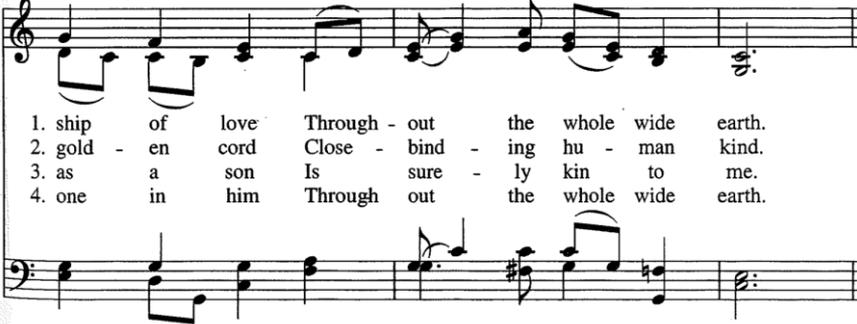
## Closing Hymn – LEVAS #62 “In Christ There Is No East or West”



1. In \_\_\_\_\_ Christ there is no \_\_\_\_\_ East or West, In  
2. In \_\_\_\_\_ Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their  
3. Join \_\_\_\_\_ hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What  
4. In \_\_\_\_\_ Christ now meet both East and West, In



1. Him no South or \_\_\_\_\_ North; \_\_\_\_\_ But \_\_\_\_\_ one great fel - low -  
2. high com - mu - nion \_\_\_\_\_ find; \_\_\_\_\_ His ser - vice is the  
3. e'er your race may \_\_\_\_\_ be! \_\_\_\_\_ Who serves my Fa - ther  
4. Him meet South and \_\_\_\_\_ North; \_\_\_\_\_ All \_\_\_\_\_ Christ - ly souls are



1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.  
3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
4. one in him Through out the whole wide earth.

Words: Galatians 3:28; adapt. John Oxenham (1852-1941)

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IN OUR ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East.

IN THE DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI in South Sudan, we pray for the people and clergy of Emmanuel Parish, Logili.

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