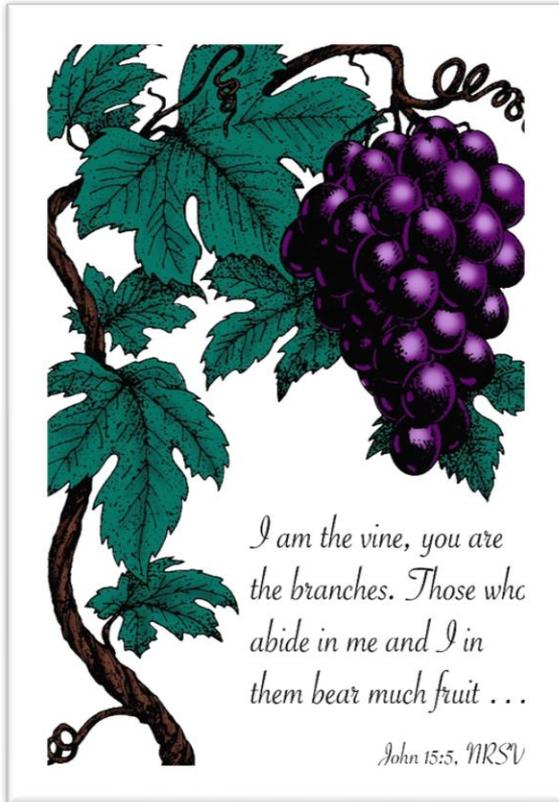


**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 2, 2021 – 8:00 AM**



**ST. GABRIEL'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Welcome

#### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Gloria

**Glory be to God on high,**

**and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,**

**we worship thee,**

**we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,**

**receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;**

**thou only art the Lord;**

**thou only, O Christ,**

**with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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

**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.

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

## **The Gospel – John 15:1-8**

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

*People*         **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*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.**

*A Minister may then say one of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

### **The Peace**

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

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **The Offertory**

*People stand while offering is placed on the Altar.*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

**And of thine own have we given thee.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer II*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light

and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious

ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## **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 is welcome to 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. To receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest as the minister approaches you.*



**I embrace you  
and unite myself entirely to you;  
never permit me  
to be separated from you.  
Amen.**



## **ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**30-Day Prayer List:** Jerry Frankel; Betty Webster.

**Military and First Responders:** Jason Beiler; Connor Cooper; Morgan Crummy; Nick English; Zach English; Vince Frasure; Adrienne Hunt; Jason Killian; Jeff Lydic; Ben Martin; James Martin; Shannon McCorkle; Ross Morrison; Brooke Moyer; Jared Patt; Matthew Pawlik; Jason Robbins; Ben Skean; Daniel E. Vroman; Kenneth Whitelock.

**Long-term Prayer List:** Mary Jane Amoroso; Peter Amstutz; Audrey Artus; MaryEllen Bailey; Bill; Bob & Marsha; Joel Braverman; Carol & Carl Burkhart; Sonia Calderone & family; Julie Clemmons; Barbara Cregar; Margaret Crummy; Joe DeMayo & family; Diane & Paul; Donna; Sandy Douros; Eric; Eva; Tina Fanjoy; Clem Fiorini; Nancy Flohr; Tracy Geary; Elizabeth George; Tracy Germano; Bob Green & family; Traci Groner; Lynne Hamm; Theresa & Christine Hawkins; Carroll & Lorraine Hine; Colin Hiriak; Pauline Hunsberger; Miss Joann; Jeanne M.; Elaine Kugler; Linda; Raziel Liriano; Lorraine; Maureen; John Mazzone; Lorraine McCorkle; the McKeon family; Denny McKernan; Tammy Miller; Safaa Mohammed; Nancy H.; Nicole; Elliot Phillips & family; Sally Reading & family; Amy Reed; Robin Reed; Tara Reed; Eric Roda; Gregory Rowe; Ernie Runge, Jr.; Russell family; Carissa Scheid; Briana Speese; Fred Spiezio; Rita Starkey; Chris Stewart; Blair Stockton; Terry Stockton; Mary Lou Tate; Regina White; Justin Zajac.

**WE PRAY FOR** Hopewell Love; Common Ground Recovery Community; Good Shepherd Learning Center.

**IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER,** we pray for Irene Hallowell; Barbara Hannevig; John, Victoria, Lily & Benjamin Hawkins.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for the clergy and people of Prince of Peace, Dallas & Diocesan Youth.

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.

THE BULLETIN is sponsored by Chris & Ellen Moore in thanksgiving for their children, Jay Lauren & Josh; Lisa & Jason.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is given by Blaine & Marilyn Rittenhouse in memory of The Rev. Kenneth Cosbey.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following sponsorships have come open:

Bulletin (\$20) – March 7, April 4 and November 28

Candle (\$15) – June 27

Please call the office with necessary information. These sponsorships are approximate to the above dates and are ongoing unless you notify the office to the contrary. Thank you for helping defray these expenses!

### **Blood Drive at St. Gabriel's - May 16**

Miller-Keystone is holding a Blood Drive in Adams Hall on Sunday, May 16th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Due to safety precautions, no walk-ins are allowed - please sign up to give blood ahead of time on the Miller-Keystone website ([giveapint.org](http://giveapint.org)) and use Sponsor Code 5174, or call Sherry Kramer 484-256-7118.

### **Buy gift cards on your cell phone and earn \$\$ for St.**

**Gabriel's!** Buying gift cards through the Shop with Scrip Program will earn a 1% to 13% rebate for St. Gabriel's at no extra cost to you. There are hundreds of cards available. Download the convenient "RaiseRight" app to use on your mobile phone or tablet (or you can shop on your computer at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)) Use our St. Gabriel's ID (DE144E3D38L66) to create an account using your own credit card.

Ecards are available **immediately**, but be sure to check each vendor to see whether e-cards are available right on your phone or whether they require printing to present to the cashier at your time of purchase. Physical cards will be included with the next church mail order. (You can still order physical cards with an order form and check if you prefer, and Redner's, Giant & Wawa cards are available after worship services.)

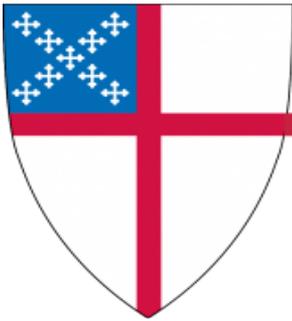
**Mark Your Calendar**

**May 23** Pentecost (wear RED)

10:30 AM - Confirmation with our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, presiding.

**July 21-24** - Mission Trip Birdsboro & Beyond - Volunteer to help homeowners in need in our area for one day or all. Orientation is July 18th and Closing Celebration July 25th. Find out more and volunteer at

<https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/mission-trip-birdsboro.html>



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