

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**YOUTH SUNDAY**

**MAY 2 – 10:30 AM**



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

*“Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus”*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn – Our God is an Awesome God

*Words and music – Rich Mullins*

*Refrain:* Our God (echo) is an awesome God  
And reigns (echo) from heaven above  
With wisdom power and love  
Our God is an awesome God.

V. 1 When He rolls up His sleeves He ain't puttin' on the ritz  
Our God is an awesome God  
There is lightning in His footsteps and thunder in His fists.  
Our God is an awesome God  
The Lord wasn't joking when He kicked 'em out of Eden  
It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood  
His return is very soon so you better be believin'  
That our God is an awesome God

V.2 When the sky was starless in the void of the night,  
Our God is an awesome God  
He spoke into the darkness and created the light.  
Our God is an awesome God  
Judgement and wrath He poured out on Sodom.  
Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross.  
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten  
That our God is an awesome God!

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### 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.

*Youth* 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

**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.**

## Sequence Hymn – “Here I Am, Lord”

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:** Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love lone.  
I will speak my word to them.

### **Refrain**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain**

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## 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 Homily** - Daniel Wilson

*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 Youth 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**

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

### **Prayer for Graduates**

*Graduating seniors come forward to receive a prayer and blessing from the congregation.*

*Celebrant*    Gracious God, we thank you for the life and witness of these your servants.

*People*            **Bless and preserve them at this time of transition.**

*Celebrant*    Guide them in the continued use of your gifts.  
*People*            **Grant them companions for their journey and a clear vision of the ministry to which you call them.**

*Celebrant*    May they travel with our love and with the one who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### Offertory Sentence

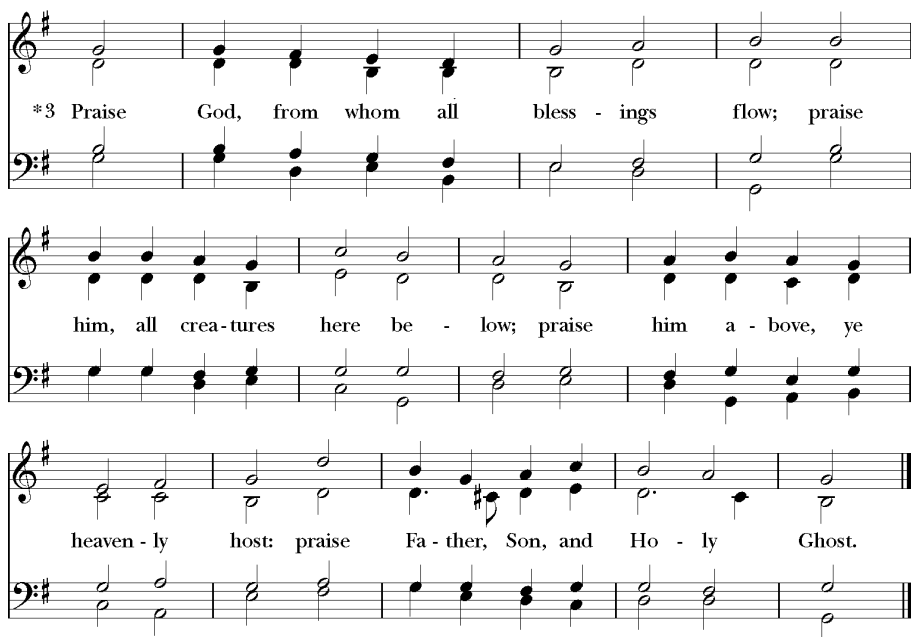
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.    *Ephesians 5:2*

### Offertory Music

*Quiet music is played while the Altar is prepared*

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology 380, v.3*



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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.***

*Youth*            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** – “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

LEVAS #201

*Traditional Negro Spiritual*

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

**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** – “When the Saints Go Marching In”

**Vs 1** Oh when the saints (echo) go marching in (echo)  
Oh when the saints go marching in,



**Chorus** Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

**Vs 2** Oh, when that light begins to shine, (repeat)

**Vs 3** Oh, when the sun refuse to shine, (repeat)

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,  
alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Postlude

### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*This prayer is used if someone cannot be present for the Eucharist.*

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that you are truly present  
in the blessed Sacrament of the altar.**

**I love you above all things,  
and long for you in my soul.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**As though you have already come,  
I embrace you**

**and unite myself entirely to you;  
never permit me**

**to be separated from you.**

**Amen.**

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## ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

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**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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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) and use Sponsor Code 5174, or call Sherry Kramer 484-256-7118.

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### **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>



*We thank all the youth who participated in this morning's service!*

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