

*When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
How they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word  
Alleluia!*

*No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia!*

*"My pierced side, O Thomas, see;  
My hands, my feet I shew to thee;  
Not faithless, but believing be."  
Alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise,  
in laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** Hymn 380, v. 3

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All stand, as able.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Eucharistic Prayer A*) BCP 361

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

**SANCTUS** Hymnal S-128

*All stand or kneel, as able.*

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:

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** Hymnal S-135

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** Hymnal S-146

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM** Hymn 417, v. 1

*This is the feast of victory for our God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,*

*whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*The people are seated. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let an usher or priest know your desire. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Now the green blade riseth* Hymn 204  
*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* Hymn 487

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP 366

*All stand or kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out, the following is prayed:*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**FINAL HYMN** *Christ is alive!* Hymn 182

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Risen Lord.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

## **THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN**

*For the birthday of Barbie Nein  
For the birthday of Grant Maynard*



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## **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*The Holy Eucharist*

APRIL 28, 2024

10:00 AM

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church † Burke, Virginia*

## **PRELUDE**

**HYMN** *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more* Hymn 296

**THE WORD OF GOD** BCP 355

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** Hymnal S-278

## **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 LESSONS**

*People are seated for the readings and psalm.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. *Acts 8:26-40*

Then 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.

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

## **PSALM 22:24-30**

*The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat it. The choir sings the verses alone.*



- 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!"



All repeat the antiphon.

- 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.

All repeat the antiphon.

- 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.

All repeat the antiphon.

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 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 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** *Lord, whose love through humble service* (Insert)

**THE GOSPEL** *John 15:1-8*  
*All stand, as able.*

Celebrant: 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 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.**

Children may now exit for Children's Chapel, held in the Parish Hall.



**THE SERMON** The Rev. William L. Packard  
*Rector*

**THE NICENE CREED** BCP 358  
*All stand, as able.*

**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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' Resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, *we pray for the Church of Bangladesh*. In the Diocese of Virginia, *we pray for Emmanuel (Beckford Parish), Woodstock; Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond; Immanuel on the Hill, Alexandria; and St. Andrew's (Beckford Parish), Mt. Jackson*. We pray for St. Andrew's, Ramallah.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bishops Stevenson, Harris, and Shand, our bishops; for Will our priest; for Justin our Aspirant; for our Prayer Guild, Stephen Ministers, and for all of us ministers, that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

We pray for those places in our world and nation torn by violence or destruction, including Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Palestine, and Israel. For all those in need, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For our neighbors, our military, those who serve at home and abroad, our first responders, and for all who serve the common good, that together we may dwell in harmony. We pray especially for those who are deployed, including *Cameron Bouton*;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For the gift of joy you give to us, we pray for the abundant thanksgivings we have in this life, naming out loud or in the silence of our hearts thanksgivings at this time, that we may have and cultivate grateful hearts;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For the sick and all of those in distress, praying especially for *Bishop Michael Curry, John Carver, Nancy, Andrea, Tony Durso, Don & Marlene Taggart, Eve Albanese, Sally Heyer, Claudia Dugan, Alice Roerig, Ed Zaptin, Janet Foley, Larry Packard, Rich Roerig, D'Arcy, Jesse Hill, Sam Withington, Ron Mason*, and for those newly added, *including Rodolfo, David Humphrey* and everyone else on our extended parish prayer list. (*Bill Hartig, Olivia, Felix, Gayle Brooks, Eddie Fortune, Michelle, Mike, Angela Kennedy, Bishop Carl Wright, Bishop Shannon Johnston, Francisco, Elaine Askew, Sylvia J., Bill Armour, Marcia & Jim Compton, Wally Morgan, Benn Crandall, Jennifer Herzog, Gary Nash, Cathy Withers, Dom Grady, Amber Almonte, Mike de Cardona, Lorinda Quinlivan, Eric, Craig D., Kevin Linehan, Verona Grady, Dan Dellapenta, Doris Sidor, James, Norman Procobe, JoVanna Tawney, Darlene, Roslyn, Brice, Gabriel, Patrick, Samuel, Philippa Pearce, Wendy Tibbetts*).

We pray that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life. We pray out loud or in the silence of our hearts for others who may need our prayers.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have died, that we may see the hope in your eternal kingdom. We pray out loud or in the silence of our hearts for others who have died.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the name of the Resurrected Jesus Christ, **Amen**.

**THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** BCP 360

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**ANTHEM** O sons and daughters, let us sing arr. Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat, and spake unto the three,  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."  
Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn, at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!*

*That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be on all here."  
Alleluia!*