

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

May 2, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Prelude on *Vreuchten* (This joyful Eastertide) - arr. by Dale Wood (1934-2003)

**Hymn** *Dona nobis pacem* (Grant Us Thy Peace)

**Hymnal # 712**

### \*Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

### \*Collect for Purity

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

**Hymnal # S-278**

### \*The Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

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**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus***

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 Epistle Reading**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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

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

*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."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon****The Rev. Megan Castellan****\*The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.

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.

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**

May God, who loves us, open our lips that we may praise him, responding to each petition by saying,  
"Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ That we may give ourselves to the study of holy scripture and the traditions of our faith, growing deeper in knowledge and understanding, gaining confidence in the proclamation of hope to those who hunger for spiritual food; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ That we may continually seek the love of Christ, through whom we are able to love one another; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, Bishop of our diocese, and for all priests and deacons, that we may honor God's call to them and seek their counsel for spiritual direction and pastoral care; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ For the forgiveness of our sins, those times when anger has subsumed love, and stubbornness broken bonds of affection, that we may call upon the charity of the Lord to lead us into the heart of reconciliation; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ That sacrificing personal gain to discover enduring peace may be a priority of governments and peoples everywhere; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ That the Lord may comfort those in the waning days of life, and bring to life eternal those who have died in the hope of the resurrection; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Let us love one another as God loves us, as we continue our prayers and petitions.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Carol	Jean	Jay	Skip
Dhara	Kathryn	James	Terry	Hattye
Lorraine	Kathleen	Laura	Alan	Pat
Loraine	Wes	Martha	Sara	Elaine
Edith	Susan	Mary	Suzy	Jerry
Lucy	Joan	James	Paul	Cecil

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week.

Beverly Baker, Mwende Wagner, Jonathan Meigs, Francis Samson

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**\*The Peace**

**Please remain in your pew. Wave!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

**Announcements & Welcome**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Hymn** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)*

**Hymnal # 324**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**Expanded Language Prayer A**

**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 our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)**

**Hymnal # S-130**

Holy and gracious God:

In your infinite love you made us for yourself;

And when we had fallen into sin And became 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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, Jesus 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, Almighty God,  
In this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,  
Now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)**

**Hymnal # S-164**

**The Communion of the People**

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table. During the covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle, to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Three Variations of *O Filii et Filiae* (O sons and daughters)

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1739)

**Liturgical Ministers** Beverly Way, Pam Talbott, Sara Van Looy

Rounds and Canons

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1  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis

2  
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na

4  
no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Words: Traditional Latin  
Music: *Dona nobis pacem*, traditional canon

Irr.

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

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

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

## AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Re-deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828, adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



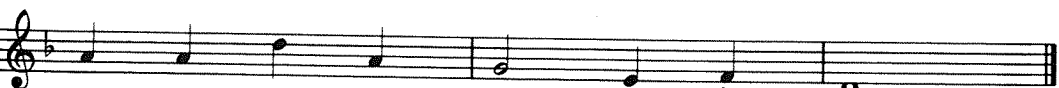
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860 87. 87. 87



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