



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021
SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE ON THE EASTER HYMN

C. V. Stanford

All stand for the procession.

THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias

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.

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.**

All sit for the Lesson and Psalm.

THE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 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.

- 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.

All stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. to repeat / to verse last time
 - ia.

Verse: Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever believes in me bears fruit in plenty.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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.

At the invitation of the Preacher, all sit.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Richard Lawson

THE NICENE CREED

from Enriching our Worship

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

After each petition silence is said

Crucified and Risen one,
Hear our prayer.

Sick:

Gil Marchand, Bettye Gillespie, Julie Fletcher, John Gardner, Kate Deal, Bonnie, Trevor Shaw, Brandon Bennett, Les Jenkins, Elizabeth, Michelle Goette, Ted Roggenkamp, Doug Shand, Jennifer Newhouse Smith, Barbara Becker, Elma Strand, Marie Walton, Ann McDonald, Ben Brown, Kathryn Darnell, Ione Brown, Wayne Taylor, Julia Munson, E. J. Warren, Margaret, Susanne O'Kelly, Lyn Ace

Departed:

Jonathan Fairbanks, Jean Summers Neef, Michael Wienecke, McKinley Addison Butler, Dennis Miller, Dan Russel, Paul Ebels, Ann Jesse, Bill Humphrey.

The birth of:

Clark Joseph Alexander Grilliot, son of Rachel and Joe Grilliot.

Eva DeMars Miller, daughter of Christina and Aaron Miller,
and granddaughter of Kathleen and Tim DeMars.

Margot Josephine Daley, daughter of Trystn and Brian Daley.

The Presider says a concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All sit for announcements.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

THESE ARE THEY WHICH FOLLOW THE LAMB

John Goss

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

Enriching our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John our patron, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Silence.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Silence.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and the Choir sings

AGNUS DEI

William Mathias



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 of the world: Give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

This prayer is said by those who cannot receive Holy Communion in person.

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual Body and Blood of Christ. May we be reminded of the many times we have been fed at your table, always being drawn closer to you in the breaking of the bread. We acknowledge your presence among us, just as you were present with your disciples. May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us to live, learn, and love beyond our walls. For the sake of your love in our lives, forever and ever. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of the one, holy, and undivided Trinity be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in the peace of the Crucified and Risen One.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

FINALE

Edward Duncan

PRESIDER

The Reverend Canon Katie Pearson *Canon Pastor*

PREACHER

The Very Reverend Richard Lawson *Dean*

ASSISTING PRIEST

The Reverend Canon Broderick Greer *Canon Precentor*

LECTOR

Isabel Pexton

MUSICIANS

Dr. Michael Boney *Director of Music and Organist*

Mr. Joseph O'Berry *Associate Director of Music and Organist*

THE VICARS CHORAL

Lindsay Bell *soprano*

Michael Walker *countertenor*

Matthew Eschliman *tenor*

Kenneth Donahue *bass*

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