

Service of Ante-Communion
Sunday, May 2, 2021
The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Rite Two

Prelude:

9:00am – “Bois Solitaire” Music by Félix Godefroid
Paul Baker, Harp

10:30am – “Sarabande” (from Pour le piano) Music by Claude Debussy
John-Kevin Hilbert, Piano

Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order

HYMN

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (Truro)

Hymnal 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 351)

(the Celebrant says)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
***People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 352)

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant and People

**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 Priest stands and says)

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 225)

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.

FIRST READING

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 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.

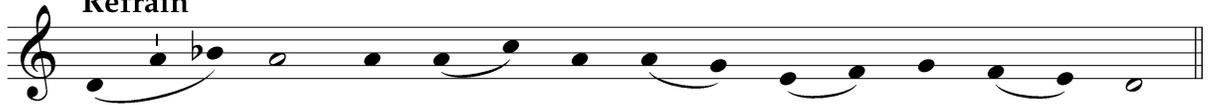
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30 (BCP p. 612) *(sung by a member of the choir with Refrain sung by all)*

Mode 1

Refrain



Make known the sav - ing deeds that God has done.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

Refrain

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Refrain

²⁹My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Refrain

SECOND READING

(for the 10:30 online service only)

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First letter of John.

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.**

(silence may follow)

HYMN

(for the 10:30 online service only)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)

Hymnal 487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Priest 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."

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

THE SERMON - The Rev. Katie Cadigan

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

(the Officiant announces the 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 385)

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, John and Diane,
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

(silence)

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

(silence)

I ask your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving which you may offer privately or include in the comments.

(silence)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

(silence)

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

*O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are many parts and need to be one. We beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

9:00AM – “Esurientes implevit bonis” (from Magnificat) Music by J.S. Bach
sung by Ariana Stultz, Alto

10:30am – “For the Beauty of the Earth” Music by John Rutter
sung by Meredith Pyle, Soprano; Jessica Berns-Garner, Soprano; Ariana Stultz, Alto;
Kirk Garner, Tenor; Ben Greenberg, Baritone; Lewis Johnson, Bass
John-Kevin Hilbert, Conductor

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

(the Celebrant says)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)

Hymnal 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

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

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postlude:

9:00am – “Danse d’autrefois” Music by Henriette Renié
 Paul Baker, Harp

10:30am – “Postlude in C” by L.J.T. Darwell
 Greg Schreiner, Organ