

ST. DAVID'S

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter ☩ May 2, 2021

YOUTH SUNDAY - Music Provided by St. David's Basement Band

We greet you in the Name of the Risen Lord and welcome you to this Holy Place on this Holy Sabbath. We invite you into the silence as you prepare for your worship of Jesus Christ. May you have a blessed experience of worship. Please note that the current Diocesan protocols prohibit the singing of hymn. We have included the words to the hymns as they are relevant to the readings.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M.

Prelude: O Church Arise

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: Shine, Jesus, Shine

by Graham Kendrick

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

4
 dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,
 to Your rad - i - ance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness,
 play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

7
 set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me, shine on
 mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on

12
 me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.
 me.
 me.

17
 Blaze Spi - rit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, ri - ver, flow, flood the na - tions with

24
 grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria

by Matt Maher and Tam Le

Glo-ry to God in the
 high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good-will. We praise you, we
 bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo -
 ry. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
 Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
 us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the
 Ho-ly One. You a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

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Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - rit, in the glo - ry of God the

56

Fa - ther. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a -

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men, a - men. _____

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The Celebrant says to the people
 The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People 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.

The Second Lesson: 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Thy Word

by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

Thy word is a lamp un-to__ my feet and a light un-to my path.

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Thy word is a lamp un-to__ my feet and a light un-to my path. *Fine*

9
1. When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way, ___ still You're there right be -
2. I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12
side ___ me. No - thing will I fear as ___ long as You are near.
wan - der - ing. Je - sus be ___ my guide and hold me to ___ Your side;

15
Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____ *D.C.*

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The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

The Gospeler 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily for Youth Sunday: Kyla Standridge

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 *written by Marissa Odell and Sam Thompson*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

Lord we thank you and pray for the Universal Church, our church home and family here at St. David's, and all that we believe in and stand for as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer

Stand by the leaders of our Nation as they make decisions and represent the people of the United States. And we pray for all others in positions of authority.

Lord, hear our prayer

Assist us and those we interact with in keeping the welfare of our world in a good place. The health, happiness, and abundance in everyone's lives comes from your love, Lord, so open our eyes to see you in our work, homes, and every day activities.

Lord, hear our prayer

Lift up our confidence for the livelihood, safety, and well-being of the Metro Atlanta area of our state. Restore the thought within us that even if we make a small impact upon one person, it can create a ripple that affects more people than we can imagine.

Lord, hear our prayer

Instill within our St. David's community the knowledge that we are all in this together. No matter where we may be, or how far apart we are, emotionally or physically, this church family will always be here.

Lord, hear our prayer

Be with the children and youth of this parish Lord, and invite them into a place of happiness and joy in your arms as they end another school year that was far from usual and look forward to summer activities

Lord, hear our prayer

Please help the parents, Lord, who go through so much to work from home, to keep their children occupied and entertained, and to brave the outside world in order to buy groceries and essentials. We ask that you give them the patience and the inner peace needed to get through these tumultuous times.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray especially for those suffering and for those in any sort of trouble. We pray that their pain might soon be alleviated, Lord, and that you may soon set their hearts and bodies at ease.

Lord, hear our prayer

We ask that your light shine on the departed, and that those who have died are at peace with life in you.

Lord, hear our prayer

Concluding Collect:

Celebrant 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 Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Blessing of the Youth and Graduating Seniors (in unison)

(Youth and Graduating Seniors, please stand)

Collect for Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Graduation (from Call on Me: A Prayer Book for Young Persons)

God of wisdom, bless these youth this day as they cross into a new part of their lives. They have studied and succeeded. It wasn't always easy, but you all have done it! With God's teachings as their guide, and the knowledge they have gained at their school, watch over these future graduates as they begin a new chapter in their life. Walk by their side today, and all the days to come

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 (*spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Then 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:

Celebrant and People Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Blessing for those participating at home

Gracious God, bless everyone gathered in their homes as they join us by participating in the breaking of the bread and in their prayers.

Communion Anthem: *Man of Sorrows*

by Brooke Ligertwood, Matt Crocker

1 Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.

2 Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

Refrain: Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah! Praise and honor unto Thee!"

3 Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree *Refrain*

Bridge: Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me. Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. *Refrain*

4 See the stone is rolled away. Behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah! God be praised! He's risen from the grave. *Refrain*

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *I Am the Resurrection*

by Ray Repp

A
Em
A
Em
C

I am the re - sur-rec-tion and the life; He who be -

6
D
C
A
A
Em

lieves in Me will nev - er die. I am the re - sur-rect - tion

11
A
Em
C
D
C
A

and the life; He who be - lieves in Me will live a new life.
(last time to ending)

17
A
G
D
A
A

1. I have come to bring the truth; I have
2. In my word all men will come to know; It is
3. Keep in mind the things that I have said; Re- mem - ber

22
G
D
A
A

come to bring you life; If
love which makes the spir - it grow. If
Me in the break - ing of the bread. If

26
G
D
C
A

you be - lieve, then you shall live!
you be - lieve, then you shall live!
you be - lieve, then you shall live!

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The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

GRADUATES FOR 2021



We congratulate all our graduates! We have done our best to list everyone, by way of forms being turned in, phone calls, etc. We apologize if we have missed anyone.

Graduate

Sarah Arnold
Logan Busbee
Declan Campbell
Everett Gansereit

Georgia Gansereit

Will Gansereit

Erin Howell
Christopher Jacob
Addie LaCotti

Libby Lausier
Lena Marin Malpeli
Marisa Perera
Owen Scott Reedy
Erin Roeser
Kevin Roeser

Matthew Springer
Kyla Standridge
Graham Thomason

High School

Roswell HS
Centennial HS
Centennial HS
Mount Pisgah Christian
School

Mount Pisgah Christian
School

Mount Pisgah Christian
School

Chattahoochee HS
Johns Creek HS
West Forsyth HS

Milton HS
Johns Creek HS
Milton HS
Fellowship Christian School
Roswell HS
Roswell HS

Milton HS
Creekview HS
Wesleyan

Future Plans

Emory University
University of Alabama
Georgia Tech
Elon University

University of Richmond

University of Virginia

University of Georgia
University of Florida
Georgia College and State
University

University of Georgia
University of Tampa
Georgia Tech

Auburn University
University of Georgia
University of Tennessee
(Knoxville)

Kennesaw State University
University of Georgia
Auburn University

Covid-19 Safety Protocols

How to Make Reservations for Sunday Worship:

- Reservations can be made around the clock for Sunday services, beginning Sunday (for the *following* Sunday) and continuing until Friday at 4pm.
- Please make reservations by emailing Jan Georges at Jan@stdavidchurch.org.
- Please include the service you would like to attend and the number in your party.
- Reservations will close Friday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

We need the remainder of Friday afternoon to finalize seating and prepare lists for our Ushers. We appreciate your patience with this system and ask for your continued prayers that this will soon not be necessary, and we can eradicate this terrible virus.

What to Expect at Indoor Worship:

When you enter the Church building, what should you expect?

- Masks are required to be worn upon entry to the Church campus/buildings.
- You will stop at a greeter station to confirm information and move on to worship space as quickly as possible! Please use social distancing of 6 ft. while waiting.
- Your name will be shown as attending on our contact list. A contact list is required in the event of exposure to the virus you can be notified.
- Automatic hand sanitizer stations will be provided and required to be used upon entry to Church building.
- All participants will self-check temperature before coming to church
- One-way traffic flow will be required after you enter the building.
- Between services, we will disinfect with an electrostatic sprayer with hospital grade disinfectant.

When you enter worship space:

- An usher will seat you and the ushers will dismiss by row.
- A box will be provided where you can drop in collection, a sanitation station will be provided.
- Passing the peace and shaking hands will be delayed beyond Phase 1.
- After dismissal, do not gather in the Church building, proceed to outdoors if you desire to visit with your masks on and within social distancing guideline of 6 ft.
- If you become infected with the virus after being in the Church building, please contact Rebecca Cline (770-993-6084, ext. 104) as soon as possible so that we can use our contact list to advise those who were in attendance. Names of those who are ill will remain confidential.
- Virtual services will continue.

What to Expect at Outdoor Worship:

- All participants will need to arrive on time.
- All participants must wear a face mask.
- Automatic hand sanitizer stations will be provided and required to be used upon entry to the outdoor service.
- Your name will be shown as attending on our contact list. A contact list is required in the event of exposure to the virus you can be notified.
- If you become infected with the virus after being at an outdoor service, please contact Rebecca Cline (770-993-1094, ext. 104) as soon as possible so that we can use our contact list to advise those who were in attendance. Names of those that are ill will remain confidential.