

ST. † DAVID'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter † May 2, 2021
YOUTH SUNDAY

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 hymns. We have included the words to the hymns as they are relevant to the readings.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

8:00 A.M.

Opening Voluntary: Easter Hymn Meditation

Michael Bedford

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Hymn 296

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;

And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. A new creation comes to life and grows

As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.

The universe restored and whole will sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom, no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Gloria (spoken)

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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.

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

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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: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Hymn 487

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily for Youth Sunday: Kyla Standridge

The Nicene Creed

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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 (Form III)

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence.

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

Offertory: Alleluia

Aaron David Miller

The Great Thanksgiving

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The people remain standing, if able. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus (*spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymn 304

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near
Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Concluding Voluntary: Festival March

Maccabaeus

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.