

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

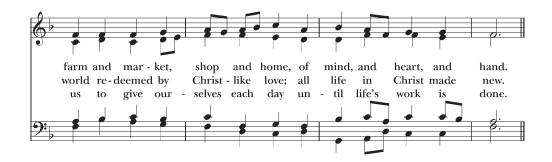
Musical Eucharist with Livestream April 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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OPENING HYMN #705

AS THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRST FRUITS BROUGHT





OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

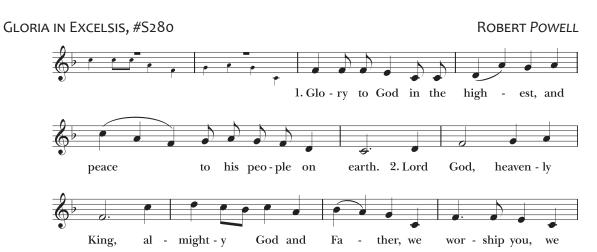
THE COLLECT OF PURITY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together.

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.





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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 WORD OF GOD

The People are seated.

FIRST READING 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22

Refrain sung by choir, then repeated by all.



I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sem-bly of your peo-ple.

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Verse 1, sung by choir

My vows I will pay before those who fear God.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All repeat refrain

Verse 2, sung by choir

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord. all families of the nations shall bow down in awe:

They shall bow down in awe, all the mighty of the earth,

all who must die and go down to the dust. *All repeat refrain*

Verse 3, sung by choir

My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come; declare to those unborn, the faithfulness of God.

These things the Lord has done.

All repeat refrain

SECOND 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CELTIC ALLELUIA

All stand as they are able.

Refrain, sung by all



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Verse sung by choir.

All repeat refrain.

THE GOSPEL 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 our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. JENNIFER HORNBECK

A period of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand as they are able.

Leader We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leadaers of your

people — for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry

out your mission under their leadership.

Pray for God's Church.

Silence

Leader We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation — for our president,

our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them the

courage and wisdom and a heart for justice.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the

wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who

answer their call for help.

Pray for those who suffer around the world.

Silence

Leader We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits

are restless. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand

beside them as they find their way home.

Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

Silence

Leader We pray for those who have died.

People Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you.

We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.

Presider

O 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, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit that acknowledge God's name.

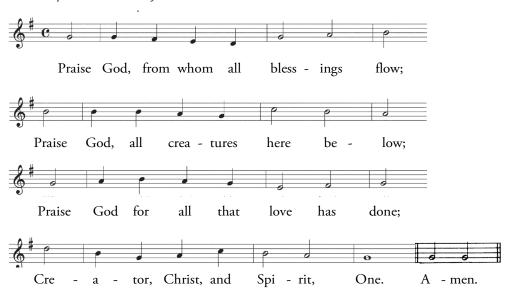
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SUNG BY COMBINED YOUTH & ADULT CHOIR

We are Called David Haas

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

The People stand as they are able.



Music: Old Hundredth, Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1710), adapt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2)

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.

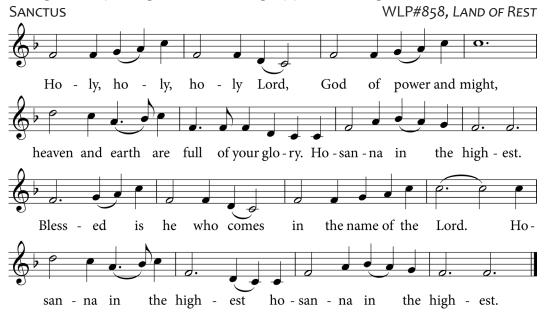
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

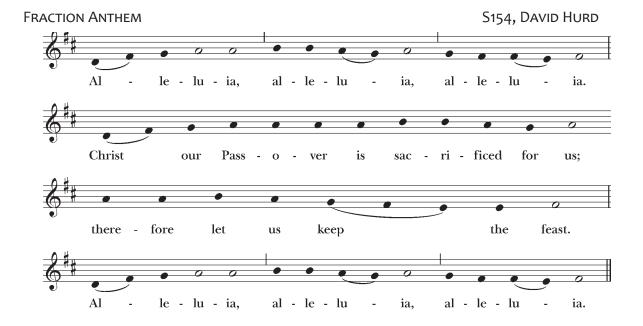
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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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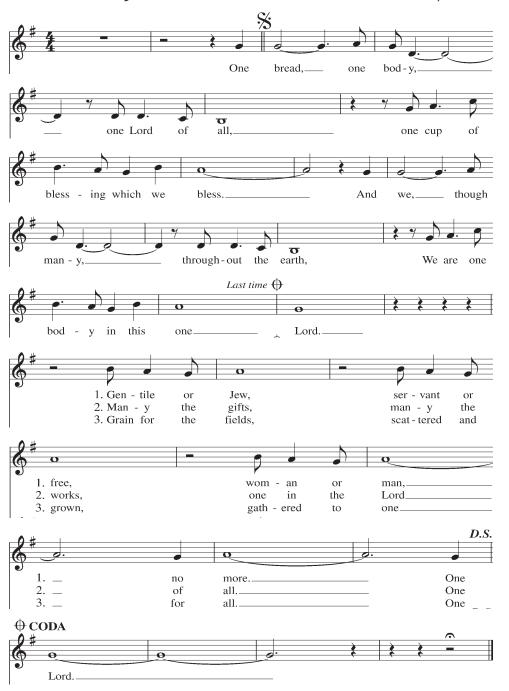


Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to share Communion (or receive a blessing in which case, please cross your arms in front of your chest as a sign to the minister). If you need gluten-free bread, it will be provided. We have returned to the common cup, which is optional. Please refrain from intincting (dipping bread in the wine).

Please come forward to receive the Eucharist.



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People stand as they are able.

Presider & People
Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the congregation with appropriate words.



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DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleuia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleuia!

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