

Saint Andrew's Parish

Kent, Connecticut

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

02 May 2021 :: 10:30 AM

A complete order of service for the season of Eastertide, which contains all of the responses, may be found in the pews and at www.standrewskentct.org

The Prelude

Andante allegro from
Organ Concerto 6, in B-flat Major

G F Handel

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as they are able

The Entrance Hymn

(all humming)

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal, # 657

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP, p 355

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

The Song of Praise

(all humming)

Glory be to God

Hymnal, S-202

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

BCP, p 225

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 may be seated

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Lector 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Response (*all humming; remain seated*)

Psalm 22:22-30
sung to the tune BRESLAU

1. O praise the Lord, you that fear him,
O Israel's offspring, stand in awe;
All you who are of Jacob's line
Give glory always to the Lord.
2. The Lord does not despise the poor,
But when they cry, he hears their plea;
I will praise God and make my vows,
I will perform them publicly.
3. The poor shall eat and have their fill;
Those who seek God shall give
him praise;
All nations shall turn to the Lord
And bow before his throne always.
4. Kingship belongs to God the Lord,
He rules the nations from his throne;
All those who sleep within the earth
Bow down to worship him alone.
5. My soul shall live for him, my heirs
Shall serve the Lord at his command,
To people yet unborn make known
The saving deeds of his right hand.

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Lector 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as they are able

The Sequence Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West*
(all humming)

Hymnal, # 529

The Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

All may be seated

The Sermon

Silence is kept

All stand, as they are able

The Nicene Creed *(may be found in the Eastertide worship booklet)*

BCP, p 358

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor ... we pray;

People *Hear us, O risen Christ.*

Celebrant ... in whose blessed and holy Name we pray.

People *Alleluia. Amen.*

During Eastertide, the Confession is omitted

The Peace

All may be seated

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

All stand, as they are able

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer D*

BCP, p 372

AT THE PREPARATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People *Blessed be God forever.*

Blessed are you, O Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Hymnal, S-114

(all humming)

All may remain standing or kneel, as they are able and prefer

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE *(spoken by all)*

Celebrant ... this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

THE CONCLUSION

Celebrant ... are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken by all; may be found in the Eastertide worship booklet)*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Traditional

All In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love.
Amen.

The Post-communion Prayer *(may be found in the Eastertide worship booklet)*

BCP, p 365

The Blessing

Book of Occasional Services, p 12

The People say "Amen" after each of the four blessings

The Retiring Hymn
(all humming)

O thou who camest from above
(OMIT VERSE 4)

Hymnal, # 704
sung to the tune DUKE STREET

All may be seated

The Announcements

The Dismissal

BCP, p 366

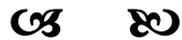
Celebrant
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

Allegro moderato from
Organ Concerto 6

Handel



The flowers this day have been given to the glory of God
and
in memory of Pat DiPentima