

# Saint Andrew's Parish

## Kent, Connecticut

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

02 May 2021 :: 8:30 AM

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*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](http://www.standrewskentct.org)*

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### THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand, as they are able*

#### **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** (*spoken by all*) *Glory to God*

*BCP, p 356*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

#### **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** (*spoken responsively, by whole verse; remain seated*)

Psalm 22:24-30

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

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

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

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

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

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

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

**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 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

*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 *(spoken by all)*

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 in the highest.

*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*

*All may be seated*

## **The Announcements**

## **The Dismissal**

*BCP, p 366*

*Celebrant*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*



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