

REGULAR WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM — EVENING PRAYER *(On Line only)*
THURSDAYS AT 6:00 PM — COMPLINE *(On Line only)*

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM — RITE II MASS

(On line & In person—masked and socially distant) are required

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR B HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MAY 2, 2021 — 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

PLEASE STAND FOR THE RINGING OF THE BELL.

HYMN 512

Come Gracious spirit, Heavenly Dove

THE WORD OF GOD

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.

PASCHA NOSTRUM *Christ our Passover
Celebrant and Congregation say together.*

BCP 83

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

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Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** *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.

FIRST READING

(The people may be seated for the readings.) Acts 8: 26 – 40

Then 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 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.

**And lead us not in to temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Jesus Loves Me by William B. Bradbury*

AGNUS DEI

Alleluia, alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia Holy, Holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb For You are Holy Holy, holy Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Receive the Consecrated Bread in open hands. Receive the Consecrated Wine from the cup by tilting the base towards your mouth to sip. If you are not able to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. At the time of communion, simply come forward to the rail, cross your arms in front of your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people may stand or kneel.

Let us pray: Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 529

In Christ There is no East or West

BLESSING

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gate of everlasting life. Amen.
God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. Amen.

The blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 529

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

DISMISSAL

*Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God, Amen Alleluia, Alleluia*

or out loud (*pause*); we pray for all those in our armed forces serving at home and abroad, that they may be protected from harm. Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done!**

Father, we know that death cannot separate us from your love; in that knowledge we commend to your keeping those who have died and all who miss them.. Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done!**

Father, we thank you that we can live in the joyful freedom of your love, as we dedicate ourselves to serving others. We remember those who celebrate birthdays, Ricky Cassonetto and those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done!**

O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are part of your vine and need to be one in you, we beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 379 *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

All things come from you, O Lord,
And of Your own have we given to you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING — Eucharistic Prayer B

The people are encouraged to stand as able during the Easter season.

BCP 367

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

SPOKEN

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed by thy Name,
thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,

SPOKEN

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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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

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. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 22: 24-30

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.

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. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

HYMN 487

My Way, My Truth, My Life

CANTORS

GOSPEL

All Stand.

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 the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Please Stand.

BCP 358

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

To produce fruit we need to be joined on to the true vine. Let us pray to the Lord God Almighty, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Father, we want to produce good fruit in abundance; nurture us as branches of the true vine, train and prune us where necessary, and may our spiritual harvest make rich wine, wine of your kingdom. We remember especially, Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence and Chilton, our Bishops; Hieckman, our Archdeacon; Rick, our Dean; Christine and Eric, our clergy; our wardens and vestry and all the people in their care; Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done!**

Father, clearly we see around our world the tragic and expensive consequences of branches cut off from the true vine. We pray for a seeking after your truth and a desire to act rightly and justly in all areas of human society. We pray especially for, Barak, our President; Andrew, our Governor; Ralph, our Mayor; all legislators and judges. Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done!**

Father, we pray for those to whom we are linked by family, friendships or work; especially we pray for those separated from their loved ones or their homes. Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done!**

Father, we long for healing and wholeness in all who suffer and in all dysfunctional communities; guide us to understand how we might be part of the healing. We pray for especially those on our parish Intercession List and those we name now silently