The Fifth Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



St. Luke's Church April 28, 2024 9:00 am

arr. Michael Hassell

Please stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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Celebrant 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*.

Please be seated for the Lessons and the Psalm

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

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.

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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 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

Lector and People read by half verse.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

- The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 - "May your heart live for ever!"
- 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.

- My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
 - they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 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

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.

Please stand as you are able.





GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Priest 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Lee Anne Reat

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

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*.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders 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.

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

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.

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.

Continued...

We pray for those who have died.

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebrant and the People may greet one another in the name of Christ.

The Holy Communion

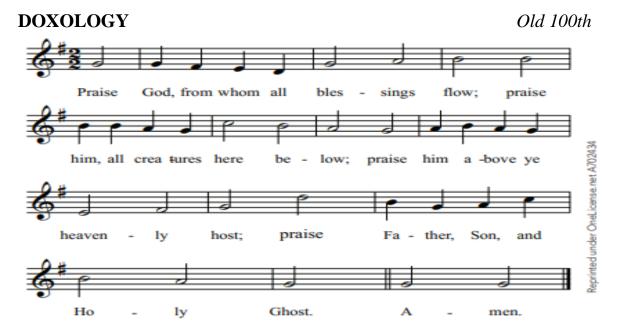
Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Voluntary Seek ye First the Kingdom of God

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Please stand as you are able.



The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.

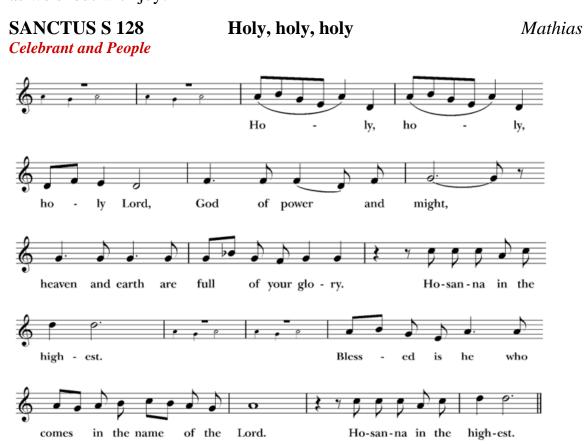
People We lift them to the Lord.

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

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Luke and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ; We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

When going forward for communion, please fill in the communion row from the center out. If you need a gluten free wafer, please let the priest know. You may drink from the chalice or intinct.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give 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 and Christ our Savior. Amen.

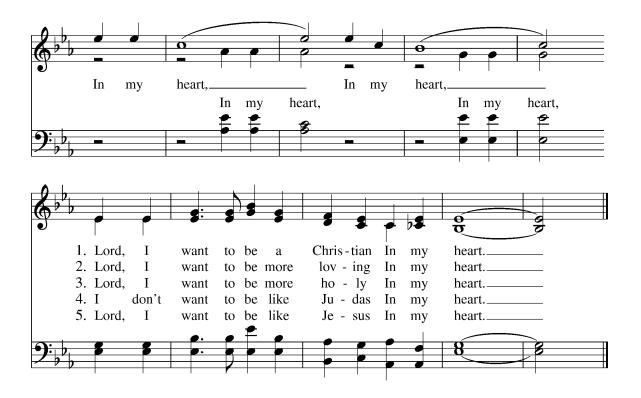
BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people.

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen*.

RECESSIONAL HYMN





DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Lord, I Want to be a Christian arr. John Carter

Members and Friends of St. Luke's

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Reverend Lee Anne Reat

Lector/Intercessor: Liz Weiser

Altar Guild: Karen Dowdy-Fullin

Piano: Kathie Houchens Video Operator: Henry Zaborniak



St. Luke's Prayer List

Braylan Williams John Walter Kevin Bennett Russell Frees Bill Raysa Eloise DeZwarte Dan Corkrean Vanessa Seigla Raleigh Havens Jane Karaffa Renee Cassell Lisa & John Vitkus Gabe Parini David Boffa Joseph Parini Peg Heasley Liza Wheeler Betty White

Jack Otter

St. Luke's Parish Family Prayer List

Peg Heasley, Cherie Holland, Jimi James, Mary Raysa, Bob Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Jane Karaffa, Bob Karaffa, Stan Kauchak, Debbie Wenzel, John Kauffman, Paul Kikeli, and Cindy Kikeli.

The Search Committee for the new rector:

Henry Zaborniak, Karin Dahl, John Kauffman, Sarah Leavell, Celeste Nichols, and Ashley Caravana.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Today we pray for the Diocese of the Carolinas, Bishop Steve Wood, and his wife, Jacqueline; Bishop David Bryan and his wife, Nancy; Bishop Terrell Glenn and his wife, Teresa; and Bishop Thad Barnum.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

The people of Christ Church, Xenia – Jean Cotting, Priest in Charge The people of St. James, Zanesville – Robert Willmann, Rector; Robert Howell and Susan Riis,

Deacons Postulants and Candidates for Priesthood –

Phoebe Bentley, Amy Cochran, Molly Cool, Catherine Duffy, Maggie Gough, Victoria Lewis, Alane Osborne, Kyle Schenkewitz, Greg Williams.



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