



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in your pew racks, the Hymnal 1982 is the blue book, "S" numbers (for service music) appear in the beginning of the Hymnal 1982.

Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) is the green book. Music is from Hymnal 1982 unless otherwise noted.

** indicates 10 am service only.*

PRELUDE	"Aria in F"	G. F. Handel
*HYMN 212	"Awake, Arise, Lift your Voice"	RICHMOND
EASTER ACCLAMATION		BCP 355
COLLECT OF PURITY		BCP 355
THE GLORIA		BCP 356 / S-279
COLLECT OF THE DAY		BCP 225

FIRST LESSON 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.

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

Psalm 23



- 1 My praise is of him in the / great as/sembly;*
I will perform my vows in the presence of / those who / worship/ him.
- 2 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the /
LORD shall / praise him.
"May / your heart / live for / ever!"
- 3 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn / to the / LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall / bow be - / fore / him.
- 4 For kingship belongs / to the / LORD;*
He / rules / over the / nations.
- 5 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow / down in / worship;*
all who go down to the dust / fall be - / fore / him.
- 6 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve / him;*
they shall be known / as the / LORD's for / ever.
- 7 They shall come and make known to a people / yet un - / born*
the saving / deeds that / he has / done.

SECOND LESSON

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

"Come my Way, my Truth, my Life"

THE CALL

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."

SERMON

The Rev. Anne Hartley

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BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from *Times and Seasons*

Please stand or kneel. After each petition, the congregation responds, "Lord, hear our prayer."

In the power of resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, for Benison Farm, and other farms, gardens, and those who tend them, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord...

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord...

For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan and Anne, our priests; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain, that in all its diversity witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord...

For all in high places of authority, and living into the resurrection life, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, especially Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; Ken, our Mayor, and all those in civic authority, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord...

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord...

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord...

For all military personnel for a safe deployment, let us pray to the Lord...

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those we now name, let us pray to the Lord...

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may

find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord...

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord...

Celebrant

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION		BCP 360
PEACE		BCP 360
*OFFERTORY MUSIC	“Down to the River to Pray”	
*HYMN 711	“Seek Ye First”	
HOLY EUCHARIST, PRAYER B		BCP 367
*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS		WLP 858
LORD’S PRAYER		BCP 364
BREAKING OF THE BREAD		BCP 364
*FRACTION ANTHEM		S-164
*HYMN 416, Stanza 6	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	LUCERNA LAUDONIAE
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 366
EASTER BLESSING		
*HYMN 296	“We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies no more”	ENGELBERG
DISMISSAL		BCP 366
*POSTLUDE	“Suite Gothique,” Introduction	Leon Boellmann

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Long-term prayer list: Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, John, Tara, Ed, Yvonne, Howard, Marcia, Carolyn, Charlie, Don, Robert, Estelle, Matthias, Jennifer, Matthew, Andrea, Chris, Barbara, Lily, Jane, Kathy, Mary, Diane, Ronnie, Ethan, Jennifer, Bart, Ralph, Cindy, Norma, George, Janet, Iris, Anne, Stephanie, and Brenda.

Thanks to those who are helping today: **Acolytes:** Caroline Whitley, Colon Burkhart, Pippa Forrester
Altar Guild: Pat Bernfeld, Diane Robinson **Camera Operator:** Stuart Hine **Coffee Host:** Laura Reitan
Eucharistic Minister: Liz Stiles **Flower Guild:** Marilyn Lanctot **Healing:** Joan Barns **Lector 8am:**
Beverly Littlejohn **Lector 10am:** Kay Mahoney, Peggy Lewis **Oblations:** Ann and Jim Elstun **Prayers
of the People 10am:** Jaime Elstun **Ushers:** Chris Finch, Tom Brady

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