



May 2, 2021  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude:** *Victimae Paschali Laudes*- Josquin Des Prez

**Processional Hymn:** *We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More*

H-296, vs 1, 3, & 4

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke his fearful hold;  
And our despair be turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

*The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!*

*A new creation comes with life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia!*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP, p. 355

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Gloria** (*Spoken at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, sung at 10:00 am*)

Hymnal, S-280

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
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;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
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.*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*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.*

*The people sit.*

### The 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.

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord.

***People***       **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:24-30** (*Spoken responsively.*)

**BCP, p. 612**

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.

**The 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.

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord

***People***       **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Hymn:** *Thou Art the Way*

*Thou art the Way, to thee alone from sin and death we flee;  
And all who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.*

*Thou art the Truth, thy word alone true wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.*

*Thou art the Life, the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm;  
And those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.*

*Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.*

**The Holy Gospel:**

**John 15:1-8**

*Reader* 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.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 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.**

**The Prayers of the People – Form III**

**BCP, p. 387**

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** **That we all may be one.**

*Leader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People:** **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People:** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People:** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader:* Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## The Peace

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

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, while maintaining no physical contact outside of your family unit.)*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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 him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus *(Spoken at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, sung at 10:00 am)*

Hymnal, S-130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. \*(6:00 pm: when spoken, begin here)  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

**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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

#### Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover.*

BCP, p. 364

**8:00 am and 6:00 pm (spoken)**  
*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**10:00 am (sung)**  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Hymnal, S-154

*We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table as you are directed to by the usher. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew. If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down when you come forward to receive.*

**Music During Communion:** *God So Loved the World*- John Stainer

**The Prayer after Communion**

BCP, p. 365

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

H-657, vs 1 and 2

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee would we be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

**Dismissal:**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude:** *Christ the Vine*- Downing/Fedak

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

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The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

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Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Rick Jackson, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Nic Parmer, *Interim Youth Minister*

Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator* • Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

## BIRTHDAYS:

**Sunday:** Marida Stearns, Matthew Riddle **Monday:** Muff Farmer, Gale Ross, Dylan Paschal **Tuesday:** Gavin Moon, Linda Wesson, Pam Davis, Cal Fahey, David Zegley, Alston Tyler **Wednesday:** David Rogers, Ann Conway **Thursday:** Emerson Cook, Wyatt Dees **Friday:** Josey Messina **Saturday:** Sarah Ingram, Patrick Gilchrist, Louis Pirtle

## ANNIVERSARIES:

**Tuesday:** Roger and Tina Jones **Wednesday:** Bill and Mary Kate Brandon **Thursday:** David and Laura Harvanek, Huba and Lois Nagy **Saturday:** Phil and Elizabeth Pace

## PARTICIPANTS:

	8:00 am	10:00 am	6:00 pm
Usher:	Chris Oberholtzer	Chris Oberholtzer	
Usher:		Katie Faulkner	
Reader:	Chris Oberholtzer	Katie Faulkner	Judy Oxford
Altar Guild:	Lisa Springman	Jeannie Jones.	Kathy Ulezelski
Altar Guild:	Tony Springman	Scott Jones	
Musicians:		Kent Burnside, guitar	Don Dicie, organ
		Derek Pell, violin	

## St Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, Lloyd Griffin, James Dickerson, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Natalie Hennes, Jack Honeycutt, Tom Jordan, Terry O'Donnell, Michelle Blackwelder, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Ashley Holt, Don Ratcliff, Robyn Painter, Fount and Dee Smothers, Jeni Burnside, Bill Muir, Jim Lauricella, Dorcas Mansell, Lucetta Mannion, Phyllis Gray, Fanny Haynes, Wayne Senseney, Gail Griffin, Beverly Headley, Dee Rainey, Ashley Swann, Rachel Robinson and Fletcher, Eduard, Christian, Mary Virginia, Sarah Katherine, Henry, Dean Bose, Becky Seagle, Ann Denson, Kristin Chew, Eliot Williams, Peggy Macpherson, Charles Carlisle, Janet Keith, Michael, Kaleb, Martha, Dennis, Alan, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Fred, Nolen, Noah, Delores, Joanne, Norman, Joe, Ernie, Libby, Ferris, Sue, Jackie and Wayne, Gary, Susan, Mike, Greg, Ray, Lorraine, John-Michael, Claire, Reed, Marianne, Sean, Madelyn, David, Molly, Lauren, Claudia, Craig, John, Margaret, Nancy, Ruby, Kirby, Susan, Anne Marie, Cathy, Ethan, Mimi, Don, Gray, Mary, Cindy, Todd, Norma, Sean, Linda, Angela and Randi, Kathy, Judy, Jon, Suzie, Oliver, Tonka, Sandy, Hailey, Autumn, Carol, Tamara, Molly, Babs, Meg, Veronia, Grace, Edwin, Terry, Kathryn, the Remenap family, Mike and Sandy, Loy, Bill, Elizabeth, the Rabinowitz family, Ella, and Audrey