



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Sunday, April 28, 2024
8:45 am & 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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God's infinite grace, acceptance, and love.*

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The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book.

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The service starts on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE: PRIÈRE À NOTRE-DAME

BOËLLMANN

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

HYMN: ON THIS DAY, THE FIRST OF DAYS

H 47

Please remain standing.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Presider 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.

GLORIA: GLORY TO GOD

H S-278



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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.

The lector closes the reading, saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

THE PSALM: PSALM 22:24-30

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00



- 24 My praise is of God in the | great as- | sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence
of | those who | worship the | LORD.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD | shall give | praise: *
“May | your heart | live for | ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and | turn to | God, *
and all the families of the nations
shall | bow be- | fore the | LORD.
- 27 For sovereignty be- | longs to the | LORD, *
who | rules o- | ver the | nations.
- 28 † To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in | worship; *
all who go down to the dust | fall be- | fore the | LORD.
- 29 My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall | serve the | LORD; *
they shall be | known as the | LORD’S for | ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people | yet un- | born *
the saving | deeds that | God 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.

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Children in second grade and below are invited to follow the cross and process to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace to take Communion with their families.

HYMN: LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

H 513

11:00 service only

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

Please stand.

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand.

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

Our prayer list can be found online at www.tinyurl.com/stpaulsfay-prayer

Prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed.

Please add your intercessions aloud or in silence after each petition.

At the end of each petition, the following is said:

Litanist God is love;
People and perfect love casts out all fear.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Please stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly announcements can be found online at www.stpaulsfay.org/s/epistle.pdf

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Gifts can be made online at www.tithe.ly/give?c=454227



8:45 ANTHEM: EASTER BELL CAROL

DAVIES

11:00 ANTHEM: RISE UP, MY LOVE, MY FAIR ONE

WILLAN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

Please stand.

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is split between 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The second staff is also split. The third and fourth staves are for 'Celebrant' and 'People' respectively. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Presider continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Please stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

BCP 362

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love....

...Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues

BCP 363

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us ...

... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Presider and People



Presider

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

Presider 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 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM: GOD'S PASCHAL LAMB



God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us.



There - fore with joy we keep the East - er feast; For -



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your pilgrimage of faith, you are welcome in this place; you are welcome at God's table.

To receive Communion, come forward down the center aisle. Hand sanitizer is available. You may come up the chancel steps to the altar rail or receive at the floor station in front of the pulpit. If you need the clergy to bring Communion to your pew, please let an usher know. To receive the bread, extend your open palm to the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice with your hand so that you can sip from the cup. You may also intinct/dip the bread into the wine if you prefer. If you prefer not to receive in either or both kinds, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those joining us at home

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beg you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Minister In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *[names of recipients]* may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Presider and People

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

THE DISMISSAL

After the dismissal sentence

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

POSTLUDE: MENUET GOTHIQUE

BOËLLMANN

Please remain in your pew until the procession has passed by.

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