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# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*



## The Word of God

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** ~ Andante Sostenuto *from Symphonie Gothique, opus 70*.....Charles-Marie Widor

*When the bell sounds, please stand. The schola sings*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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| 1 | We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.<br>Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;<br>and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!    | 2 | We share by water in his saving death.<br>Reborn we share with him an Easter life<br>as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!             |
| 3 | The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.<br>The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.<br>Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia. | 4 | A new creation comes to life and grows<br>as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.<br>The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! |

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

*The schola sings*

### CHRIST OUR PASSEVER *Pascha Nostrum*

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,  
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia!

### 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 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

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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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The schola sings*

**PSALM 22:24-30** *Deus, Deus meus*

*Antiphon: Make known the saving deeds that God has done.*

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand. The schola sings the*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**

V. Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord:  
I am the vine and you are the branches.

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**THE GOSPEL ~ John 15:1-8**

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**THE NICENE CREED**

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, Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

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Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

#### THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

#### ANTHEM

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est*

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:  
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.  
Jurgia maligna, cessent lites.  
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.

Simulquoque cum beatis videamus,  
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:  
Gaudium, quod est immensum, atque probum,  
Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.

*Words:* Ninth Century, Latin, English translation by Maryann Corbett

*Music:* James Biery (b. 1956)

*Where true love and charity are found, God is there.*

The love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in Christ.  
Let us fear and love the living God  
And care for one another with sincere hearts.

So when we gather as one,  
We must take care not to be divided in mind.  
Let petty quarrels end, let bickering cease,  
And let Christ our God be in our midst.

So, too, in the company of the saints, let us see  
Your face in glory, Christ our God -  
Joy that is limitless and pure  
Through endless ages. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

#### SURSUM CORDA

*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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

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*The schola sings*

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,      Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.                      Hosanna in the highest.  
    Hosanna in the highest.

*(Standing or Kneeling)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** *(Said by all)*

We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,	And forgive us our trespasses,
hallowed be thy Name,	as we forgive those who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Give us this day our daily bread.	for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The schola sings*

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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## THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*During this time, we offer communion in one kind (bread only). Please come forward, maintaining physical distance, receive the wafer from the priest and return to your seat before consuming it.*

### ANTHEM

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| 1. Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,<br>Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be;<br>Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,<br>Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.                             | 2. O blessed memorial of our dying Lord,<br>who living bread shall here afford;<br>O may our souls for ever feed on Thee,<br>And Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.                     |
| 3. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:<br>Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;<br>Increase our faith and love, that we may know<br>the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. | 4. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see:<br>May what we thirst for soon our portion be,<br>To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,<br>The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace. Amen. |

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274) Tr. James R. Woodford (1820-1885)

Music: John Carter (b. 1930)

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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 SEASONAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The schola sings*

### HYMN

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,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Mass setting (dedicated to The Reverend Canon Dr. David B. Lowry) is by McNeil Robinson and broadcast with permission from Mr. Robinson's estate.

*The Parish Annual Meeting* takes place after this service.

*Choral Evensong is offered for Ascension Day* at 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 13.

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**Blessing of the Bicycles**

Come and get your bicycle blessed Sunday, May 16, at 5:00 PM  
in the Cathedral front yard. Ride or bring your bicycle & bring a friend!  
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**THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021**

SUNDAY

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Spoken) (Chapel)
- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 6:00 PM Evening Eucharist, Rite II (Cathedral)

MONDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

THURSDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

- 7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SUNDAY

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