



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 5:00 pm
The Holy Eucharist

¶ The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer
¶ All stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. ✠ Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity *¶ Said by the Celebrant*

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. *¶ People* Amen.

¶ All stand

Gloria in excelsis *¶ Said by all*

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 ¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *Then all are seated*

The Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert road. And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Can’dace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless some one guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this:

“As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What is to prevent my

being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azo'tus, and passing on he preached the gospel to all the towns till he came to Caesare'a.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

¶ *The Psalm is read by the Lector and Congregation, alternating by whole verse*

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.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

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.

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that 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 expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for 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 he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ *A period of silence follows the Lesson*

¶ *All stand with the Celebrant for the reading of the Gospel*

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Gospeler ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. 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. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Stewart Douglas Clem

¶ *All stand with the Celebrant and say together*

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.

¶ *All kneel*

Prayers of the People

¶ *The Leader and People pray responsively*

V. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

R. That we all may be one.

V. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

R. That your Name may be glorified by all people.

V. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

R. That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

V. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
for our nation, for those serving in the armed forces and their families, for our
government and for our enemies;

R. That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

V. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

R. That our works may find favor in your sight.

V. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

R. That they may be delivered from their distress.

V. Give to the departed eternal rest; ✠☩

R. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

V. We praise you for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels,
Blessed George, and all your saints who have entered into joy;

R. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

¶ *Silence*

¶ *The People may add their own petitions*

¶ *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace ¶ *All stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

¶ *Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

¶ Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus *¶ Said by all*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

¶ The People stand or kneel.

¶ Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

¶ Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

¶ Then the Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

¶ All AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is said

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

¶ Said by all kneeling

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing † *¶ The Celebrant blesses the People*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
¶ People Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *¶ People Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *¶ People Amen.*

The blessing † of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All stand

The Dismissal

¶ The People are dismissed with these words

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

¶ All. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

¶ The Congregation remains standing as the Celebrant and other Ministers depart

Week of April 28-May4

Sunday, April 28

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - Church
- 8:30 am Coffee Hour - Great Hall
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Confirmation-J202
- 9:00 am Little Sprouts Nursery Care
- 10:00 am Children's Chapel - St. George's Chapel
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist - Main Church
- 5:00 pm Legends Concert-Church
- 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist - St. George's Chapel
- 6:30 pm Youth Group - Armstrong Room

Tuesday, April 30

- 10:30 am Church Service League Bible Study
- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 pm Church Service League

Wednesday, May 1

- 4:00 pm Friends Support Group

Thursday, May 2

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 3

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Great Hall
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel
- 8:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library

Saturday, May 4

- 4:00 pm AA Meeting - Library
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Banquet

Centering Prayer Group - Please note new time: 9:00-9:45 AM every Sunday in St. George's Chapel. All welcome!

Non-perishable foods greatly needed. Place items in either Hunger Ministry closet outside of the Taylor Room.

Trinity Food Ministry needs casseroles to feed those in need. Pans, lids, recipes and directions are in the closet next to the Taylor Room.

The Education Equity Ministry is in the spotlight today. Please stop by the Great Hall to learn more about their work with the students at Sumner High School and Columbia Elementary school.

Church Service League Tuesday, April 30 at 12:30. Join Church Service League for the BE SMART program by Dr. Janet Hyde. Noon lunch reservations (\$12) due to Nancy Ferriss by Sunday at 4 pm (naferriss@gmail.com or 314.974.3386).

Virtual Book Study: NEVER ENOUGH: Join Krista Jarvis, LPC, MBA, and Marty Chapman to discuss this book by Jennifer Wallace. Thursday evenings, 8:00 - 9:00 PM, on Zoom May 2.

The Thursday 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist is no longer be offered.

Parishioner in the hospital? Let us know to put them on the prayer list, call the church at 314.721.1502 and or contact Debbie at debbie@csmg.org.

Volunteering: We have a variety of opportunities available for you to volunteer at the Parish Picnic on May 26. Contact Debbie at debbie@csmg.org or check out the e-letter for more information.



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