

St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

Voluntary Exultate: A Liturgical Suite

Craig Phillips (b. 1962)

Kyrie and Gloria

The People stand as they are able when the bell rings.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gathering Hymn Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

Earth and All Stars



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2. Weep - ing be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
3. Walk - ing the way, Christ walk - ing with us,
4. Cit - y of God, East - er for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
death is de - feat - ed, and East - er is bright.
tel - ling the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes:
Gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dour, the Lamb, hea - ven for - ev - er!
 An - gels an - nounce, 'Je - sus is ris - en!
 Riv - er the bread, show - ing his glo - ry:
 of life, Saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 Jes - us our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Jes - us is ris - en and we shall a - rise: give God the



glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Collect for Purity

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.

Canticle for Easter

A Song to the Lamb

John Abdenour

First time: Choir | Second time: Congregation

Splen - dor and hon - or and
sov' - reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

**REFRAIN: Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right,
O Lord our God.**

CHOIR: For you created everything that is, all things took form according to your will.

REFRAIN

CHOIR: And yours by right, O Lamb that once was slain, for with your blood have you redeemed for God. From every nation, people, tribe, and tongue, a countless priestly host to serve our God.

REFRAIN

CHOIR: And to the one who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship, dominion, splendor, and praise, for ages past, and ages yet to come.

REFRAIN

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.

The people sit.

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

The choir intones; all repeat. The congregation chants the odd-numbered stanzas.



All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

tone: DUKE STREET



- 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] forever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and [turn to] the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations [bow] before him.
- 27 **For kingship be-[longs to] the LORD;***
he rules [over] the nations.

Antiphon

- 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 des-[cendants] shall serve him;***
they shall be known as the [LORD's] forever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people [yet] unborn*
the saving deeds that [he] has done.

Antiphon

Second Reading

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.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!

Mfurahini Halleluya

John Bell

16 All Sing

The musical score is written on five staves of a treble clef in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a double bar line, a repeat sign, and a fermata over a whole note, labeled '(Choir)'. The lyrics are: 'Come, let us wor-ship Him, end-less - ly sing; Christ is a - live and death los - es its sting. Sins are for - giv - en, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!'. The score concludes with a double bar line.

(Choir) Come, let us wor-ship Him,
end-less - ly sing; Christ is a - live and death
los - es its sting. Sins are for - giv - en,
al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en,
al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Celebrant: 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Fran Holliday

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

The people stand as they are able for the reciting of the Nicene Creed.

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

Intercessor: Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

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

Intercessor: We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, For our Bishop Paula Clark, for our Priest Rev. Fran and for our Deacon, Steve. We pray for all who minister to God's people.

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

Intercessor: 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.

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

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

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

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

Intercessor: We pray for all those who have died especially those we now name silently or aloud.

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

Silence for intercessions

Intercessor: We pray for members of parish family (*names read by the Celebrant*)

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Peace

All stand as they are able.

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

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem Love One Another

John Bell (b. 1958)

Love one another for love is of God. Those who live in love live in God,
and God lives in them.

Those who show love are the children of God;
Father and mother is God to them.

God showed his love in the face of the Son;
Christ lives in us so that we might live through him.

Love has no place for the menace of fear;
Fear is abandoned where love is found.

Love has its purpose in God's holy will;
We learn to love from the one who loved us first.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 - Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, Holy – Mass of Joy

Ian Higginson

2 *f*

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

1. full of you glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. 2. high - est.

2

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

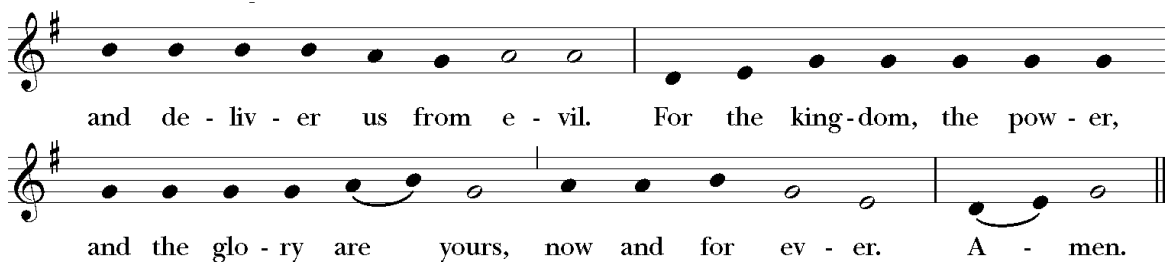
Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread


The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S167

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus


plainsong

Cantor; then All




The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant.

Communion Hymn

I Am the Vine

The Vine

REFRAIN

The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, re -". The second staff continues the melody with dotted quarter and eighth note patterns. The lyrics are: "main in me and you will". The third staff concludes the phrase with a dotted quarter note followed by a half note, then a quarter note, and finally a quarter note with a fermata. The lyrics are: "bear a - bun - dant fruit.".

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world, as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Hymn 379

Abbot's Leigh

Dismissal


Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary Ite Missa Est! Alleluia!

Craig Phillips

The Mass is Ended! Alleluia!



Our Lord has written
the promise of
resurrection, not in
books alone, but in
every leaf in springtime.

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