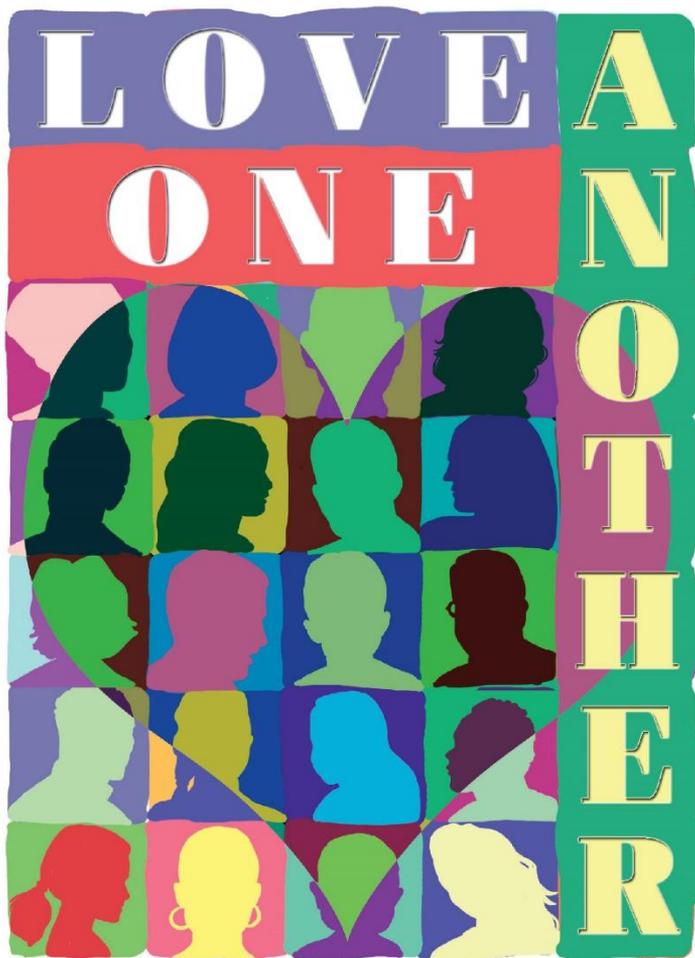


St. Charles Episcopal Church

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



John 13:34

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. For those in person today, masks are recommended, but not required. Please respect one another's requests for physical distance. Hand sanitizer and soap are provided in our restrooms to assist with hand hygiene. All these actions of love and service help protect us all, including the most vulnerable to serious illness, from contracting the Covid-19 coronavirus. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

**Voluntary
Processional**

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The bell rings; the people stand as they are able.

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn 208

Victory

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

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.

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they

were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 13:31-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe

The people stand as they are able.

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

During the silences we may offer our private concerns and prayers to God.

Celebrant: In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the church and the world saying, O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.

Reader: For the well-being of your creation, that we may promote its ability to offer praise to you through spacious skies, bountiful seas, verdant lands, and precious creatures great and small. O God of love,

People: Raise us to new life in Christ

Reader: For the life of the church, that our generous witness may broaden your table as all find a place to live and grow in love. O God of love,

People: Raise us to new life in Christ.

Reader: For the welfare of your world, that all leaders and people young and old will strive to live together in harmony while serving the common good. O God of love,

People: Raise us to new life in Christ.

Reader: For all who suffer any violence, pain, or grief, that they will know the comfort of your presence as you wipe every tear from their eyes. O God of love,

People: Raise us to new life in Christ.

Reader: For the love made known to us in Jesus Christ through this community, for this and all other blessings we give you thanks and praise. O God of love,

People: Raise us to new life in Christ.

Reader: For all who have died, that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy, especially for _____, where mourning and pain will be no more. O God of love,

People: Raise us to new life in Christ.

Reader: For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger, that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing and the comforting presence of your voice. We pray especially for _____. O God of love,

People: Raise us to new life in Christ.

Celebrant: For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed to them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin is omitted during Eastertide

Peace

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 people sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The people stand as they are able

Offertory Hymn

A New Commandment

Love

A new com - mand - ment I give un - to you, that you
love one an - oth - er as I have loved you, that you love one an -
oth - er as I have loved you. By this shall peo - ple know
you are my dis - ci - ples, if you have love one for an - oth - er; —

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff includes the instruction "(second time) Fine" above the notes. The fourth staff concludes the hymn with a triplet of eighth notes.

— by this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples; if
 you have love one for an - oth - er.

D.C. al Fine

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

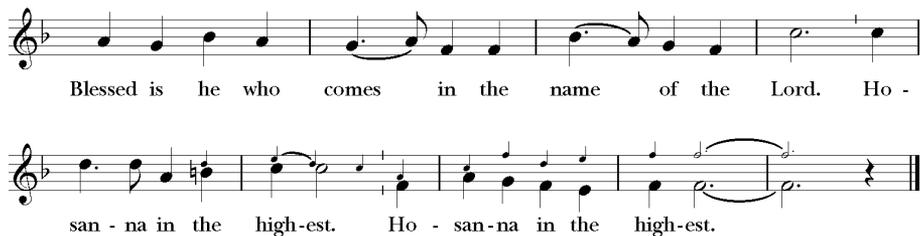
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The people kneel, or stand, as they are able.

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption, 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.

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

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

All Christians 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. Individual healing prayer is available for those who wish to participate. Please wear a mask and write your request using the paper and pencil provided in the pews. Ushers will direct participants.

The people stand as they are able.

Communion Hymn

Ubi Caritas

Music from Taizé

U - bi - ca - ri - tas et a _____ mor,
Live in char - i ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi - ca - ri - tas De - us i _____ bi est.
live in char - i - ty God will dwell with you.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty and ever-living 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 people stand as they are able.

Blessing

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Sending Forth Hymn 432

Laudate Dominum

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

Postlude

William Mathias



Household Prayer: Morning

Delivering God,
each day we awaken
to your goodness
and our hearts cry out
in praise as you set us to tasks
for the life of the world.

Do not let us
hinder your love,
but strengthen our will.
Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God,
the nightly dance
of earth, moon, and stars
speaks of your gift:
love given, love received.
We give thanks this night
for the love you have shown
to us this day.
Let us rest
in your peace
and awaken in joy.
Amen.

RULE OF LIFE at St. Charles Episcopal Church

Our Rule of Life is how we live the Gospel daily.

- ❖ Christ is the cornerstone of the church, and prayer is the foundation of our life together.
- ❖ We come together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ❖ We listen to one another with the compassionate heart of Christ and ask questions for clarification.
- ❖ We respect one another's stories by listening and keeping their confidence.
- ❖ We strive to practice forgiveness as we have been forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ We behave knowing God is in our midst.
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- ❖ We respect the dignity of every human being.
- ❖ We actively build worship, education, service and giving.

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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Philipians 4:4