

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 9:00am

The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The bulletin is your guide to everything happening in our parish. It contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found here in the bulletin or the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Receiving Communion

- *You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*
- *Host: Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.*
- *Wine: You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine).*
- *If you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*
- *Healing Prayer: If you would like someone to pray for you for healing of mind, body, or spirit, you're invited to go to the side chapel at any time during Communion.*

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the

Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

We record and broadcast our services via Zoom. You can find the link to the Zoom on our electronic Parish News.

Additionally, if you are not comfortable or do not consent to your image being shown on our broadcast, we encourage you to be aware of the camera and ask you to consider taking a seat behind the camera on the left side of the Nave.

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at: <https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

#529, *The Hymnal 1982*
In Christ there is no east or west

Opening Proclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People: **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.**

Gloria #S-280 The Hymnal 1982

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God 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.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts of the Apostles.

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.***

The Psalm

Psalm 22:24-30

Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively 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 Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

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.**

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Festival Alleluia

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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.**

Deacon: 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 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 who is
worshiped and glorified.*

*Who 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: Friends, there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. So let us boldly pray to God, saying, “Loving God, put your words in our hearts.”

Leader: Great vine-grower, remove anything in your Church that hinders our love. May we abide in your Son Jesus. May he abide in us. We want to bear much fruit; we want to be disciples of your Son. This morning we pray for Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico, the Diocese of Renk, and The Church of Bangladesh.

Silence

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: Ruler of the nations, under your reign the poor shall eat and be satisfied: make known your saving deeds to the ends of the earth.

Silence

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: Creator God, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine. Give us eyes to see your presence in our world; give us words to witness to your goodness.

We welcome your thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: Good Teacher, you sent Philip to the Ethiopian so that he would be transformed by understanding: bless our local schools. Give wisdom and understanding to all those who teach and all those who learn.

Silence

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: O God, you are love. You love us so much. We pray for our siblings, especially those in great need. Increase our love for them; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing touch. This morning we pray for: *Bishop Michael; Bishop Samy and Venerable Canon Donne; the peace of Jerusalem, for the victims of gun violence; the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program, for those in war-torn places, especially Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, for our Scouts and leaders, Peg, Judy, Mia, Rose, Megan, Clare, Roger, Pam, Bill and Mary, John, Merritt and Mills, Keith, Dale and Sandy, Mark, Dorothy and family, Jill, Dan, Walter, Frank, Linda, Stacy, Jerry; A.S.; Elinah, Darice, Harisoa, Manirisoa, Louisiano, Ashley; Rick, Dee; and John.*

Silence

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: May your love be an eternal abode for all your saints. This morning we remember **Helene, Nevert** Haley (4/28/2007), and **Edward** Herdliska (5/1/2005).

Silence

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including **Liam** Mellen, **Christopher** Pavy, **Nick** Unda, **Christopher** Froelich, **Karl** Mohrmann, **Trish** Hull, **Clay** Anderson, and **Quinton** Hocking. Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: For those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including **Micah** Hodges (4/30) and **Andrea** Lindblad (5/4). Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory

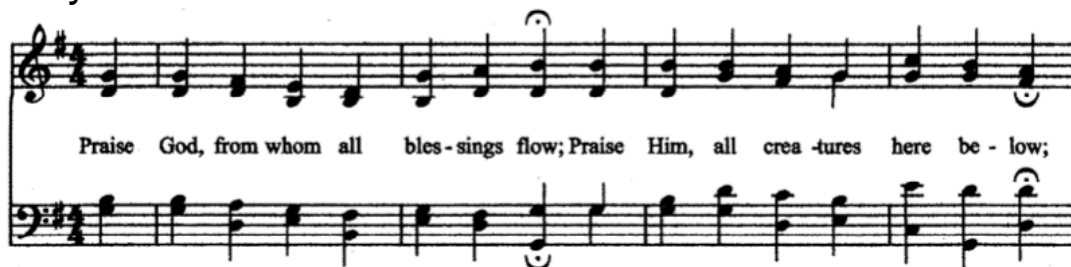
Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

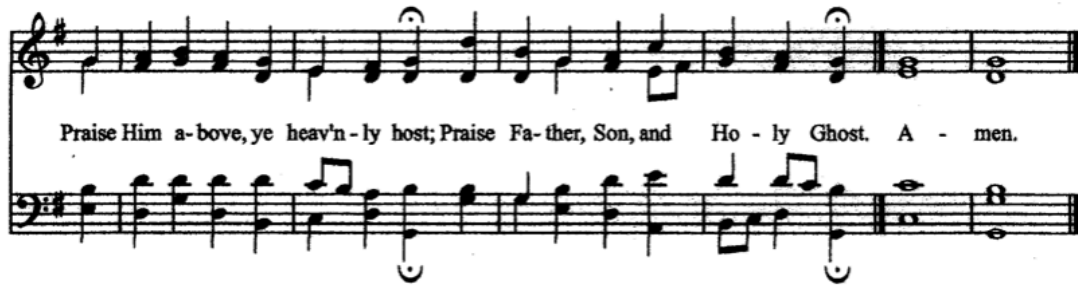
Offertory Hymn

#296, *The Hymnal 1982*

We know that Christ is alive

Presentation Hymn





Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread and wine that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread and the cup and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood."

People: *Amen.*

Deacon: You have been entrusted with the sacraments of the church. Go and share these signs of our community with those who are unable to be a part of our gathering, and assure them that they are in our prayers. May you bring peace to these places that welcome you.

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer D, BCP

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 God thanks and praise.*

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

all sing:

#S-129, The Hymnal 1982

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.

Celebrant and People

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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.

People: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

#448, *The Hymnal 1982*
O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
You're invited to stand or kneel, as able.

People: *God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and the 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: 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.

People: *Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn

#344, *The Hymnal 1982*
Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude

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of Our Lady**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope