



# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Prelude

Kevin DeYager

## Processional Hymn

*Please stand as you are able*

**Blessed Jesus At Thy Word**

**H440**

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart,  
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

*Celebrant*

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**All**

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

*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. Amen.

**All**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. S280**  
**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.**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

**All**                    **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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson Acts 8: 26-40**

Lay Reader    A reading from the Acts of the Apostles...

Then 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....The Word of the Lord...

**All**        **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 22: 25-31**

<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*

**and all the families of the nations bow before him.**

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*

**he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

**they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.**

<sup>30</sup> 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**

Lay 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...The Word of the Lord...

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Hymn**

*Please stand as you are able*  
**What Wondrous Love is This**

**H439**

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
- 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM ,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme I will sing!
- 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Gospel John 15: 1-8**

"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.  
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Phil Shaw**

## 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Leader** That Christ's holy and lifegiving Resurrection may fill our lives with peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord:

**People** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader** That the Church may boldly proclaim the Gospel and minister in love to all people. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, Michael our Vicar and Debra our Deacon, let us pray to the Lord:

**People** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader** That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, and that there will be an end to hostilities in Gaza and Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord:

**People** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader** That the leaders of the world will work for justice and peace, and promote the dignity of every human being, and especially the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all elected and appointed leaders in our nation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader** That the peace of God which passes all understanding may comfort and strengthen the sick and the suffering, the weak and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

**People** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Leader** That the faithful departed may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**People** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Celebrant** Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **A**

**People** **Amen.**

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

**People** **And also with you.**

**Congregational Song** **Let There Be Peace on Earth** (*text located on the inside of the hymnal back cover*)

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

*Please sit, stand or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer*

*Offertory Sentence*

*Offertory Music*

*Kevin DeYager*

### THE DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye, Heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### Eucharistic Prayer B

**BCP 361**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is a right and a good and a 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Sanctus S127**

**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.**

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:

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

*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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All** **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**All** **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 OF THE PEOPLE**

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup of wine offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. **Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.***

*Communion Music*

*Kevin DeYager*

*Celebrant* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**Communicant** **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
**Communicant** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
**All** **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 the 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.**

## **BLESSING**

May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, the fire of the Spirit inflame us; and may the blessing of God rest upon us and abide with us, now and evermore. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**In Christ there IS No East or Westt**

**H529**

- 1 In Christ there is no East or West,  
in him no South or North,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.
- 3 In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in him meet South and North,  
all Christly souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Deacon      Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!  
**All**        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Kevin DeYager

*We invite you to quietly meditate during the postlude*

Please remain in your seat until the videographer raises an arm to indicate the recording has ended.

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!***

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The loose offerings on the fourth Sunday of every month help to replenish the Clergy Discretionary fund. This fund helps people pay for electric or gas bills, covers unexpected expenses, or helps people stranded in town with a meal or a hotel room, among other things.

The discretionary fund is replenished by money that is not in an envelope and not designated for any other cause. If you want to make sure that your donation is going to the operating budget, or to a particular fund, please put it in an envelope with your name on it. Any money not otherwise designated will go to replenish the discretionary fund.



## Family & Friends Prayer List

Win Charles for recovery and healing  
Red and Paula Simms for strength

*The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.*

## Ongoing List

Calvin Werbelow  
Kathleen O'Hagan  
George Toschak  
Paula Erwin Yoder  
Becky Thomas  
Hartley Bennett  
Sandy Schlege, Betty Hanson  
All first responders  
All Healthcare workers  
All funeral directors and staff



## Military Prayer List

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

<b>U.S. Air Force</b>	Colby	Harlan
	KayLee	Thomas
<b>U.S. Army</b>	Andrew	
<b>U.S. Navy</b>	Caleb	Landon
	McKenzie	

*Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;*

## Announcements

Coffee Hour – ECW



Upcoming:

### 4/28 Project SALT Luncheon by ECW

5/05 Birthday Celebration  
5/05 Rustic Ranch Service  
5/09 Morning Prayer and Breakfast  
Prayer at St. Alban's Chapel 7:30 followed by  
Breakfast at Copper State Café  
5/12 Mother's Day  
5/12 BCM Meeting  
5/21 ECW Meeting  
5/26 Project SALT Luncheon  
5/27 Memorial Day

Reminding everyone that *Adult Forum* at 9:15 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Project SALT Food for 5/05: Cereal, Dry Milk, Canned Milk:

**Office Hours** Monday – Thursday 8-12 am

**Mike's Hours** Wednesday - Saturday 10:30 – 4:30. Sunday after service by appointment.

**Deacon Debra** by appointment

## The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall

*Bishop*

**The Rev. Mike Seiler**

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