

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021 ✠ 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Anne Harris, *Celebrant & Preacher*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Ubi caritas" **Denis Bedard**

Choral Introit **The English Gradual**

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, alleluia; sing praises unto the honor of his Name, alleluia: make his praise to be exceeding glorious, alleluia. O how wonderful art thou in thy works, O Lord: through the greatness of thy power. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Opening Acclamation **Page 355**

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

Gloria in excelsis **Page 356**

**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.**

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. *Amen*

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Anglican Chant

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

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 belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

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 descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson

I 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Choral Alleluia

The English Gradual

Alleluia. Alleluia. But I will see you again and your heart shall rejoice: and your joy no man taketh from you. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"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.

After the reading, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for Michael, Anne, and Art, our clergy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, ..., eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braden, Bud, Carol, Charles, Chris, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helen, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve, Trey.**

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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

Healing Prayer

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

“Ubi caritas”

Maurice Durufle

Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there.
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
Let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.
And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God,
So let us in sincerity love all people.

Text: 9th century plainsong

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

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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,

Celebrant and People

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

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Luke and 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 for ever.

Amen.

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.

A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book

As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer

All Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Communion Anthem “Come my way, my truth, my life” R. Vaughan Williams

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 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.

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Celebrant In the name of God and of St. Luke’s, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Hyrfrydol”

R. Vaughan Williams

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diaper Drive

The Daughters of the King is having their annual Diaper Drive for Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM) now through May 10th. They need disposable diapers in sizes 4 and 5. EACM has a supply of wipes. Please leave on the back porch of the Lyman House (the office) in the EACM-marked container or near it, if full. Thank you!

Wednesday AM Lenten Bible Study!

Please join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 9:45 am to discuss a chapter of *The Path*, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement. This is a lay-led discussion of the core stories of our faith from Genesis to Revelation, and is intended for all levels of experience! The Zoom link is published to our email list each week, so please contact Dawn at admin@stlukesanchorage.org to be added to our email list. It's never too late to join this rich Christian formation opportunity!

Thursday Night Bible Study Continues!

Please join this faithful group on Thursday nights at 6:45pm on Zoom to discuss scripture, share stories, and pray together. We are using *The Path* to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. Find the link in our weekly Zoom Newsletter!

An Announcement Regarding Facebook Live Morning Prayer

The final service of online Morning Prayer will take place on our Facebook Page on Thursday, April 29, at 9 am.

Unfortunately, we do not currently have enough volunteers to continue the practice of Daily Morning Prayer on Facebook begun by Mother Allison and Ben in March 2020. This ministry has served many well over the past year, and we are committed to continuing to maintain an online Christian presence. If you are interested in getting involved in our online ministries, please reach out to Dawn at admin@stlukesanchorage.org so that she can connect you with opportunities.

Please see the links below for resources to continue your practice of Daily Prayer!

A Guide to Daily Prayer using the BCP

<https://bencowgill.com/daily-office/>

Daily Prayers from Forward Movement

<https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>

A Daily Podcast of Recorded Morning Prayer

<https://cms.megaphone.fm/channel/FDMV8366345804>

A Resource for Daily Prayer and Devotions

<https://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

Contemporary Anglican Saints – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00. The British Isles and the greater Anglican Communion has been the home and origin of many great saints. These saints are people with fascinating stories, and great impact on global Christianity. Please join us as we learn about these saints and discuss their influence and ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at episcopaliandave@gmail.com.

The link to the class is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030> / Meeting ID: **851 4453 0030**
If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer has changed to every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday. Join us on **May 4 & 18 from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89768653053>

Meeting ID: 897 6865 3053

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Cindy Reinhart in thanksgiving for her mother, Mary Dott Gritton, and loving memory of her father, Robert Andrew Gritton.

In our prayers ... for **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braden, Bud, Carol, Charles, Chris, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helen, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn**; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve, Trey**. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

**May 9:
Sixth Easter**

**Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.**