

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Celebration of the Eucharist on the Fifth Sunday in Easter

Gathering the People

The Prelude

Abide With Me, Music: Eventide by William H. Monk (1823-1889) arr. by Kurt Kaiser (1934-2018)

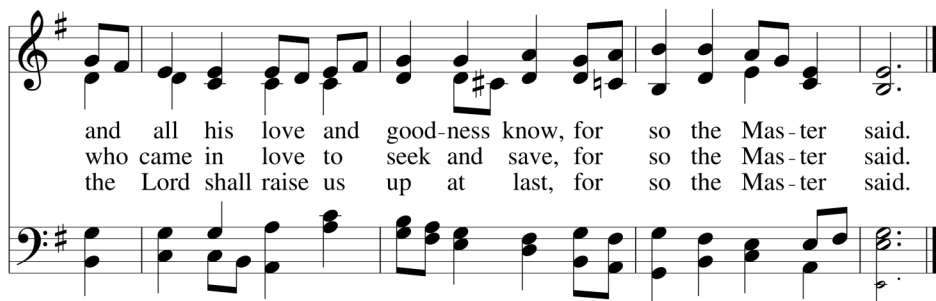
The Opening Hymn

Worship & Rejoice #346 *O come to me, the Master said*, Tune: English melody by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926

1 O come to me, the Mas-ter said, my Fa-ther knows your need;
2 A - bide in me, the Mas-ter said, the true and liv - ing vine;
3 Be - lieve in me, the Mas-ter said, for I have called you friends,

and I shall be, the Mas-ter said, your bread of life in - deed.
my life shall be, the Mas-ter said, poured out for you as wine.
and yours shall be, the Mas-ter said, the life that nev - er ends.

By faith in him we live and grow and share the bro - ken bread,
His bod - y to the cross he gave, his blood he free - ly shed,
And so, with sin and sor - row past, when death it - self is dead,



and all his love and good-ness know, for so the Mas-ter said.
 who came in love to seek and save, for so the Mas-ter said.
 the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Mas-ter said.

The Opening Acclamation

Please stand, as you are able.

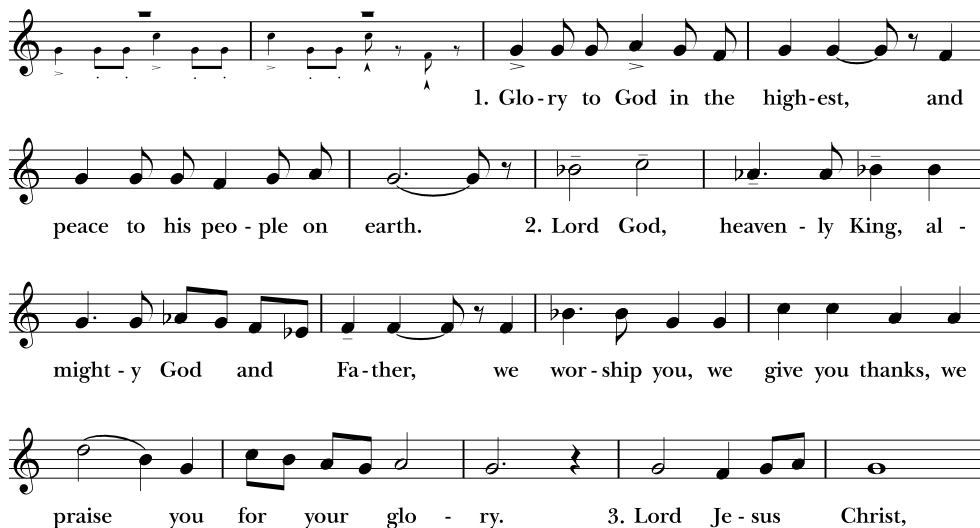
Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

A 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. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Hymnal 1982 S278 Setting by William Mathias (1934-1992)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The 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. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Acts [8:26-40].

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 [verses 24-30].



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!" **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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; 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. **Refrain**

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.**

The Gradual Hymn

Please stand, as you are able.

Alleluia! Give the Glory by Ken Canedo

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

1.
and the hon - or _____ to the Lord! _____

2.
and the hon - or _____ to the Lord! _____

Cantor Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them: there I'll be.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [15:1-8].

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

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

Deacon Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Intercessor Father, 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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 Let us pray for our own needs and those of others including those on our parish intercession list (pause) and for those celebrating birthdays...and anniversaries.

Deacon Gracious God, guide us in this time of transition as we seek a new rector and rebuild our parish hall. May your wisdom inspire our Search Committee and your presence bless our efforts. Empower us with courage and grace as we embrace change and serve your kingdom on earth as in heaven. **Amen.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace & Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

The People exchange a sign of peace with one another and sit for the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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The Offertory Anthem

He That Raised Up Jesus by Carlton Russell (b.1938) text from BCP (Romans 8, Psalm 16)

*He that raised up Jesus from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his spirit that dwelleth in us.
Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoiceth,
my flesh shall also rest in hope.
Thou shalt show me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fullness of joy,
at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal 1982 S125 *Sanctus*, Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)



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.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

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

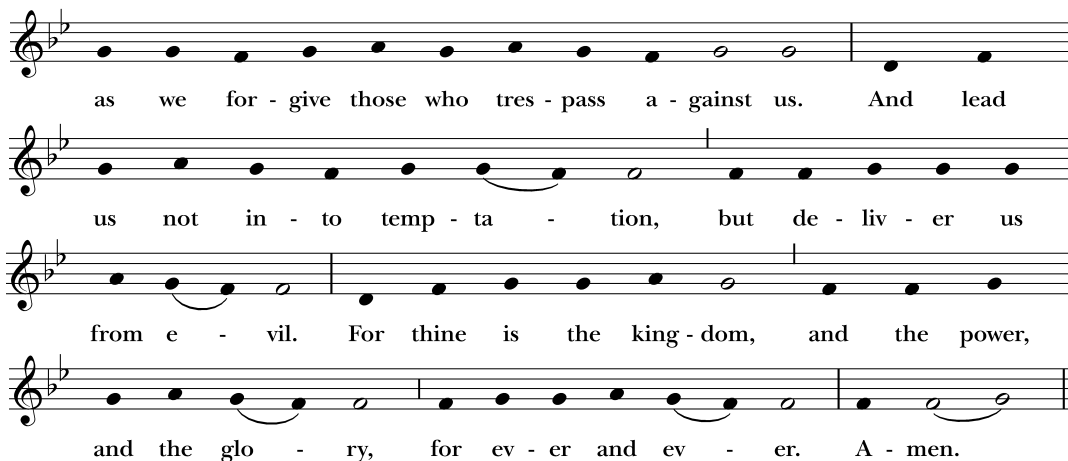
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending 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 is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,

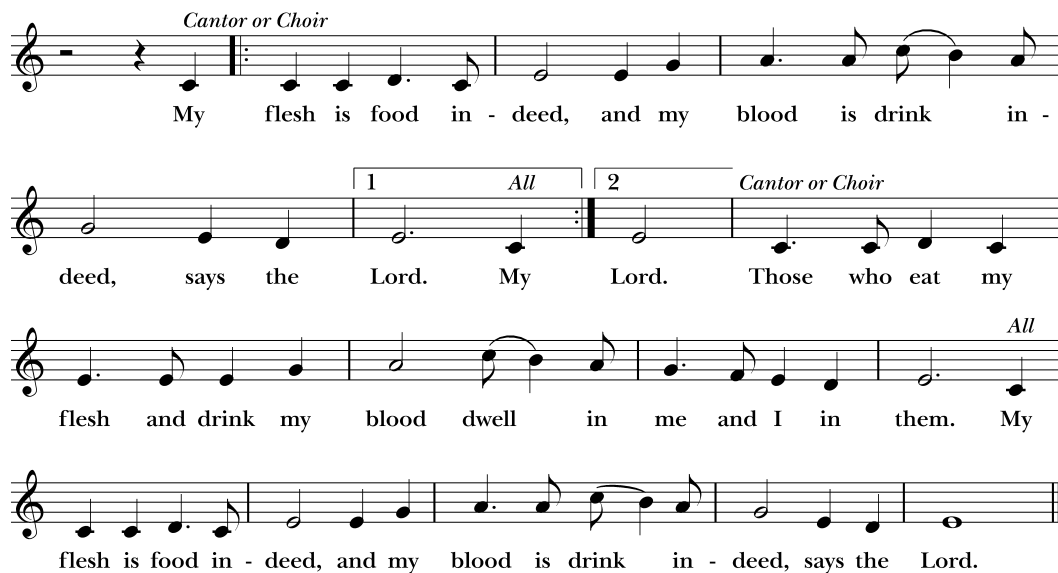


as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread & The Fraction Anthem

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.

Hymnal 1982 S169 *My Flesh is Food Indeed* by Ray W. Urwin (b.1950)



Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Note—Everyone is invited to receive communion. If you wish to intinct (to dip the wafer into the wine instead of consuming from the common cup), please do so from the small cup of wine in the center of the paten (plate) when you receive the wafer and not from the common cup others drink from. Please let the priest know if you desire a gluten-free wafter. If you prefer, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion; to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

The Communion Anthem

Christ is the Vine by James Biery b.1956

*Christ is the vine, we are the branches;
growing in unity with each new strand.
Christ is the vine, we are the branches;
nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand.*

*The vine which is God is tending is bursting with new life.
Its reach is neverending, while pruned with sharpest knife.
It stretches to the sunshine with yearning born of need,
and bears good fruit for new wine, love born from tuny seed.*

*The vine was born in darkness and from the earth it grew;
a rose pure in its starkness, caressed by Spirit dew.
As Moses once saw branches with holy brightness glow,
we see our spreading branches through all creation grow.*

*And we who twine together are rooted in the Vine;
with love in Christ we gather, to share the bread and wine.
In Christ we are abiding, we grow within God's care
and spread this joyful tiding ev'rywhere.*

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand, as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1984 #344 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

The 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.**

The Postlude

Fugue in F major by Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)



Today's Ministers

Celebrant: The Rev. Alan James; *Preacher:* The Rev. Susan Osborne-Mott; *Deacon:* The Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts; *Acolyte:* Tom Walker; *Lector and Intercessor:* Michael Shoenberger; *Greeters:* Shuang Huang and Carol Blendowski

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