

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN



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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

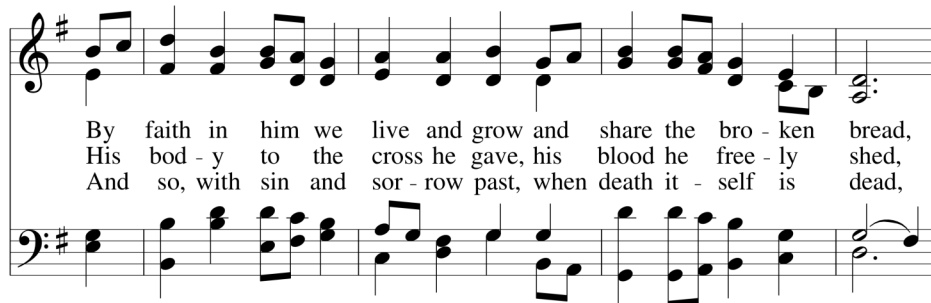
Worship & Rejoice #346 *O come to me, the Master said*, Tune: English melody by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926



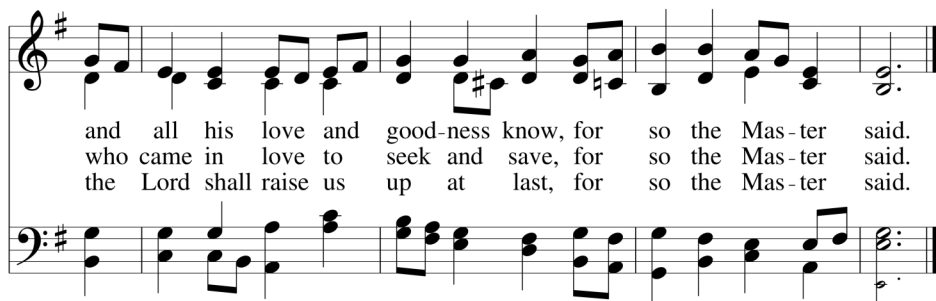
1 O come to me, the Mas-ter said, my Fa-ther knows your need;  
2 A - bide in me, the Mas-ter said, the true and liv - ing vine;  
3 Be - lieve in me, the Mas-ter said, for I have called you friends,



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

LEVAS #243: *Glory to God* from *Mass for Grace*, by Carl Haywood b.1949

#### Refrain



Glo - ry,  
 Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,\_\_\_ Glo-ry,  
 Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_

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. **Refrain**

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 the Father. **Refrain**

## 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].**



All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the Lord.

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**

## 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**

**Wonder, Love & Praise #794 *Muchos Resplandores (Many are the light beams)*** Music: Skinner Chavez Melo (1944-1992) Text: Pablo D. Sosa (1933-2020)

*Many are the light beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.*

*Many are the light beams from the one light, we are one in Christ.*

*Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus.*

Many are the branches of the one tree, we are one in Christ.  
Many are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus.  
Many are the gifts given, love is all one we are one in Christ.  
Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.  
Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

## 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

JS #248 *Holy* by Ken Canedo/Bob Hurd

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

Setting by Nan Avant

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

Our Fa-ther which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name. Thy  
king-dom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in hea-ven.

*p* Give us this day our dai - ly bread. *mp* And for-give us our debts, *mf* As  
*f* we for-give our debt-ors. *mf* And lead us not in-to tem-ta-tion;  
*rall.* But de-li-ver us from e-vil. *meno mosso* *mp* For Thine is the king-dom, And the  
*mf* pow-er, and the glo-ry, for e-ver. *f* For Thine is the  
*ff* king-dom and the pow-er and the Glo-ry. *mp* *poco rit.* For e-ver.

## The Breaking of the Bread & The Fraction Anthem

*The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.*

LEVAS #268 *Alleluia, Alleluia* by Lena McLin (1928-2023)

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Fine

Leader: Congregation:



Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed\_ for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Leader: Congregation:



Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed\_ for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Leader: Congregation: D.C. al Fine



Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed\_ for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

## 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 wafer. 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 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 tiny 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 tidings 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

*Come Holy Spirit* by Michael and Cate Mascari Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.



Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her flight,  
(To the) mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the branch - es of the Vine,  
(With the) heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of prayer,



like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger might:  
to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her midst as gift and sign:  
with the power to love and wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com - pare:



9 *Refrain*  
Come, Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit come \_\_\_\_\_ Come, Ho



14  
- ly \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit come! \_\_\_\_\_ To the Ho - ly Spi - rit come!  
With the

## 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

*One Love* by Bob Marley (1945-1981)

## Today's Ministers

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Alan James; *Preacher:* The Rev. Susan Osborne-Mott; *Deacon:* The Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts; *Acolyte:* Joan Roberts; *Lector and Intercessor:* Peter Civetta; *Greeters:* Kevin Kamraczewski and Carol Blendowski

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