

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

9:15 am



An Order for Holy Eucharist
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

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.

~John 15:1-4

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Song

"Seek ye first"

Hymnal 1982 #711

1. **Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!**

2. **Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto
you,
Allelu, alleluia!**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

Gospel Proclamation

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to John.

John 15:1-8

Glory to you, O Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Children are invited forward for a children's message. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.

We Respond to the Good News

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:

Father, help us to know new life in the risen Christ.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.
Help us have your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.
Father, into your hands we commend them.
Comfort those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing in Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow.

The Ministry of the Lord's Table: Holy Communion

In this community, all are welcome at the Lord's table, the altar. All are invited to come forward during the Song of Offering, following the gifts as they are brought to the table to consecration.

All who are drawn to God in the way of Christ are welcome to receive the Host. Directions for receiving are found after the Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread.

Song of Offering

"I've got peace like a river"

LEVAS #201

1. **I've got peace like a river (x3)**
In my soul.
I've got peace like a river (x3)
In my soul.
2. **I've got love like an ocean (x3)**
In my soul.
I've got love like an ocean (x3)
In my soul.

3. **I've got joy like a fountain (x3)**
In my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain (x3)
In my soul.
4. **I've got peace like a river,**
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got joy like a fountain
In my soul. (repeat)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(standing)*

This Great Thanksgiving is adapted for children this Easter season from various sources: "Thanksgiving of the People of God," ANZPB pp. 422-423; EOW, Prayer 1)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is our joy and salvation, holy, everliving God,
always and everywhere to give you thanks through
Jesus Christ.

For You are the source of life and goodness.
Through your eternal Word you have created all
things from the beginning and formed us in your
own image.

Now, in the power of endless life
Christ is risen from the grave.

His death has broken death
and opened for us the new and living way.

Christ is now our peace,
our freedom and our joy.

And so, we join with the angels and all the
company of heaven as we sing:

(Sung to "Land of Rest")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosannah in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living
God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at
table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks
to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and
said: Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the
new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for
all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me.

And so we ask You, Holy One of blessing, be among
us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

On receiving Communion – To receive the receive the bread, which is considered full participation in the sacrament of Holy Communion, please come to the rail and stand or kneel. Wine is available from the chalice or in individual serving cups. If you would prefer a priestly blessing without receiving the bread, please place your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request at the rail.

**Christ was promised,
Christ is born,
Christ will be with us again.**

We celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving which we offer to you through
Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of
bread and wine, that they may be to us the body
and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the
Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the
service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in
earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs
of everlasting praise.

Blessed are You, now and forever. Amen.

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 ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of
Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Song during Communion "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" *Hymnal 1982 #178*

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia,
Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name!*

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain***

2. **Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. *Refrain***

3. **We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain***

Prayer After Communion

**Creator of all, giver of life,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Born into the world, living among us,
dying and yet alive again,
he declared your love, gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

A blessing may be given.

Sending Hymn

"Soon and very soon"

LEVAS #14

1. **Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King. (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.**

2. **No more crying there,
We are going to see the King. (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.**

3. **No more dying there,
We are going to see the King. (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.**

4. **Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King. (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.**

The congregation is sent out with these words

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All are invited...

to join the various programs and discussions as outlined in the announcements. Today, please join in the refreshments and activities for children and adults following this service.

Serving this morning:

Director of Music

Jared Agee

Altar Guild

Suzanne West, Betsy Breakell, Linda Howard, Barb Swartz, Angela Cimino

Family of the Week

Verger

AnnMarie Stanton

Chalice bearers

Rick & Sharon Graham

A/V Ministry

John McCurry

Fr. Ted, preaching and presiding

Vestry Members and Officers

Rebecca Clemmer (Rector's Warden) * Bill Scarborough (People's Warden)

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