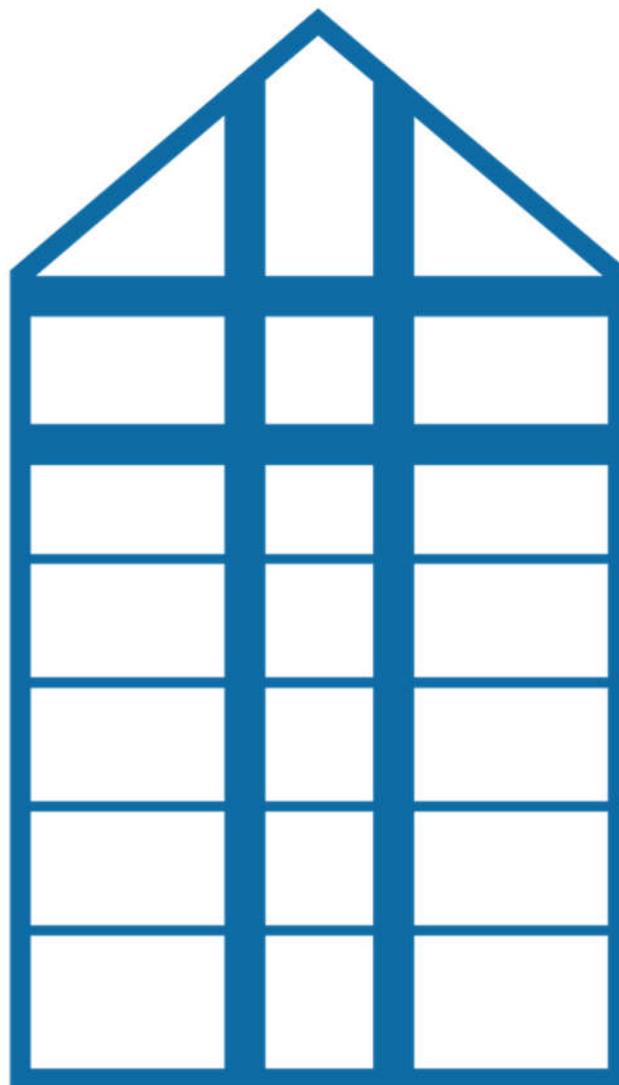


ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL



HOLY EUCHARIST FOR
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021
EUCCHARIST AT 11:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

LITURGY OF THE WORD: THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 379 Please stand

Abbot's Leigh

God is Love; let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us
final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SONG OF PRAISE, Hymn 208, stanzas 1 and 4

Victory

Antiphon, at the beginning and at the end: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of Christ is won;
the song of triumph has begun, Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

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.*

Children may now depart for Children's Chapel.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson Please sit for the readings.

Acts 8: 26 - 40

Reader: A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Response: Psalm 22:24-30

Reader: Let us read verses 24 - 30 of Psalm 22 together in unison.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

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 shall 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

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

At the Sequence, HYMN 47, stanzas 1-3, 5 Please stand

Gott sei Dank

On this day, the first of days,
God the Father's Name we praise,
who, creation's Lord and spring,
did the world from darkness bring.

On this day the eternal Son
over death his triumph won;
on this day the Spirit came
with his gifts of living flame.

Maker, who didst fashion me
image of thyself to be,
fill me with thy love divine,
let my every thought be thine.

Thou, who dost all gifts impart,
shine, blest Spirit, in my heart;
best of gifts, thyself bestow;
make me burn thy love to know.

Please remain standing for

The Holy Gospel

John 5: 1 - 8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brian Tarver

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 The People may kneel, sit, or stand.
Portions in gray are not read aloud.

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People: *That we all may be one.*

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

Reader: We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David, our Bishop; Brian, our rector, Jay, our postulant for the bivocational priesthood, and all priests, and deacons;
People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader: We pray for Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; Ron, the mayor of San Antonio; and John, the mayor of Terrell Hills, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

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

Reader: Have compassion on Blake, Max & Gray, Andrew, Frank, Brennan, Tim & Peggy, Ruth, Bill, Rena, Alice, Colleen, Bettie, John & Patty, John, Robert, Edward & Susan, Joe & Haydee, Paxton, Leigh, Kimberly, Rod, Charlotte, Paul & Linda, Judy, the Mohr family, the family of Ann Thayer, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader: Give to Ann Thayer and all the departed eternal rest;
People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; including Wilshire Elementary School, St. David's School, the families at the Fisher Houses; members of the Armed Forces especially Jason, Elizabeth, Leon, Charlie, Ed, Angela, Rose, Tyson, Trevor, and Ryan; In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for St. Philip's Episcopal Church and School, Uvalde, and St. James Episcopal Church and School, Del Rio; In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and in the Middle East.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

People: *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE: THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory, "The Call," from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such as strength as makes his guest

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Please stand for

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer B

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.*

The Celebrant continues.

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and every where 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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 may stand, kneel, or sit as The Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with David and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*

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

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

setting by Jeffrey Rickard

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gluten Free communion wafers are available upon request.

AT THE DISTRIBUTION,

HYMN 513

Bridegroom

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

HYMN 392 if needed

Vineyard Haven

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne. (*Refrain*)

Let those refuse to sing
that never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad. (*Refrain*)

The heirs of grace have found
glory begun below;
celestial fruits on earthly ground
from faith and hope may grow. (*Refrain*)

Then let our song abound
and let our tears be dry:
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high. (*Refrain*)

(*Refrain*) Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
 fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 let us each, thy love possessing,
 triumph in redeeming grace;
 O refresh us, O refresh us,
 traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
 for the Gospel's joyful sound:
 may the fruits of thy salvation
 in our hearts and lives abound:
 ever faithful, everfaithful
 to thy truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us,
 Savior, from the world away,
 fear of death shall not appall us,
 glad thy summons to obey.
 May we ever, may we ever
 reign with thee in endless day.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN At the Dismissal, 296

Engelberg

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
 and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
 Reborn we share with him an Easter life
 as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
 The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
 Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia.

A new creation comes to life and grows
 as Christ's own body takes on flesh and blood.
 The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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Hymn 296

Hymn 379

Hymn 392

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