

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

## The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

## Liturgy of the Word

### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27, 2024

*Welcome to worship! In our tradition we generally stand or kneel to pray and sing, and we sit to listen. Instructions are provided in italic, but please feel free to take whatever posture is most comfortable or natural to you, and sit whenever needed.*

*St. Mary's is livestreaming this service, so that others may participate remotely. During the distribution of communion, the cameras do not show people receiving, for your privacy. If you do not wish to appear on the livestream at any time, sit on the right side away from the center aisle, or in back of the church by the baptismal font.*

## Welcome

### Song

*Please stand*

### The Word of God

*Remain standing*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Remain standing or kneel*

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 Reading

Acts 8:26-40

*Please be seated*

*Lector* A reading from 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 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

*Lector and People*

*Remain sitting*

**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 Reading**

**1 John 4:7-21**

*Remain sitting*

*Lector* 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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## **Song**

*Please stand*

## **The Holy Gospel**

John 15:1-8

*Remain standing*

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Scripture Reflection**

The Reverend Canon Stephen Carpenter

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Presider and People*

*Please stand*

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.**

*(continue)*

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

*Intercessor*

*Remain standing or kneel*

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,

be with us and all who follow you in the way. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Robin our Rector, Don our Assistant Priest, Stephen our Rector Emeritus, and our friends in Christ at: St. Luke's, Rio de Janeiro; Epping Team Ministry, London; and the Diocese of Jerusalem. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,

nourish us all with your word, and teach us to reach out in love and service. We pray for those whose vocation is in service of others, especially teachers, caregivers, medical workers, and researchers {especially N.}. And we pray for first responders, members of the military and their families {especially N.}. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, prince of peace,

bring the hope of peace to every part of our world torn by war, conflict, and despair, especially Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. Strengthen and encourage all those who are working to bring peace and to aid the suffering. We pray for refugees around the world, that they would find comfort and welcome. Open our eyes to see how we too can be messengers of peace, help, and welcome. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, light of the world,

guide the leaders of nations and communities with your wisdom, especially Joe our President, Gavin our Governor, Scott our Mayor, and all our legislative and legal bodies. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for those who are ill {especially N.}, and we pray for those with any special need {especially N.}. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,

we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. And we pray for those who have died {especially N.}. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

*The Presider then says*

Risen Lord, give us grace and courage to hope, and to risk disappointment. Teach us to pray expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for you are our God, who acts, and will act again. Hear our prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept*

*Remain standing or kneeling*

*People* Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated*

## **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

## **The Holy Communion**

*Please stand*

## **Offertory Sentence**

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## **Offertory Music**

*please be seated*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Enriching Our Worship  
Eucharistic Prayer 3

*The People stand*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## **Sanctus**

*Presider and People*

*Remain standing*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

*The People remain standing or kneel*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*People* **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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

*People and Presider*

**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*

*Remain standing or kneeling*

*Presider* Alleluia. This is the true bread which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Presider* This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. Come, and meet God here.

*Please alert the usher if you would like communion brought to you in your pew*

*Please be seated*

## **Song**

*Remain sitting*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Please kneel or stand*

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Priest blesses the People*

*Remain kneeling or standing*

*Presider* The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God bless and strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. **Amen.**

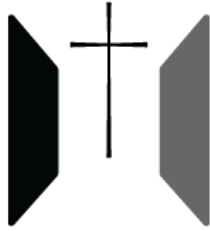
## **Song**

*Please stand*

## **Dismissal**

*Presider* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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