

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER THE HOLY EUCHARIST

APTIL 28, 2024 10:00am

# ★ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ★

prelude

City Called Heaven (Bradley Baker and Grace Mauk, piano)

arr. Hall Johnson

welcome

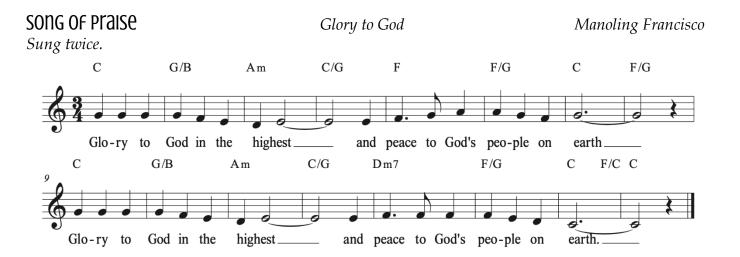
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate



# opening statement

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



# **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of glory, whose Beloved took the shadow road and found life in the darkness: may his love be our law, undimmed by the fear that condemns what it does not understand; slipping through the hands of those who cling to sacred power; through Jesus Christ, the Firstborn. **Amen.** 

THE FIRST LESSON ACTS 8:26-40

*Reader:* 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 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:

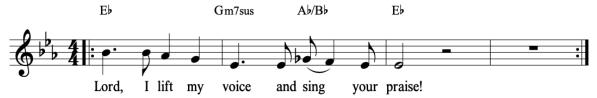
"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

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.** 

Let's sing the refrain together, and speak the text responsively over music.



#### REFRAIN

I will tell of your name to all I meet \*
In the midst of assemblies, I will praise You
You, who are in wonder of the mystery, give praise! \*
For our loving Creator does not turn away from the afflicted,
And does not hide from them; \*
But their cries are heard, Their prayers rise up to heaven.

To You, O Beloved, I lift up my voice in the great congregation; \* for You promise to remain with those whose love is steadfast.

The hungry shall eat and be satisfied; \*

Those who seek You shall sing praises! Your Heart is our dwelling place forever!

#### REFRAIN

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to Love's way; \*
And all the families of the nations shall bow down with grateful hearts.
For power and authority belong to the Most High, \*
who rules over the nations.

Yes, the proud of the earth shall be humbled, while those who still live in fear and illusions \* will separate themselves not knowing the indwelling Peace of the Beloved.

Posterity shall know and serve Love, \* telling of the One who abides in all to the coming generations,

And proclaiming deliverance to a people yet unborn \* that the Most High dwells among us.

#### REFRAIN

THE SECOND LESSON 1 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.** 





GOSPEL JOHN 15:1-8

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

# sermon

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#### 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 of 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 worshipped 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.

# Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Gathered at the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of

God's creation.

God of Easter gladness, invigorate us with the good news of freedom to choosing

a path of love and new life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of Easter rebirth, renew creation with rain, warmth, wonder and a creator's

love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God of Easter everywhere, charge and challenge leaders of all nations to be

servants and peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* God of Easter joy, surprise, amaze, and comfort all who seek healing.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* God of Easter people, hear the prayers of this community on this and every day.

At this time, we invite your own prayers, silently or aloud. (silence) Lord, in your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* God of Easter presence, protect those who serve and work in dangerous

conditions at home and abroad. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* God of Easter promises, invite us into the hope and joy of eternal life. We celebrate

the life and witness of all the saints you have called by name.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in

your mercy; through your risen Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### offertory invitation

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OFFEITORY Come Unto Me Tormod Tvete Vik

(Trinity Choir and St. Michael's in the Hills Choir with Grace Mauk, piano)

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

# **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

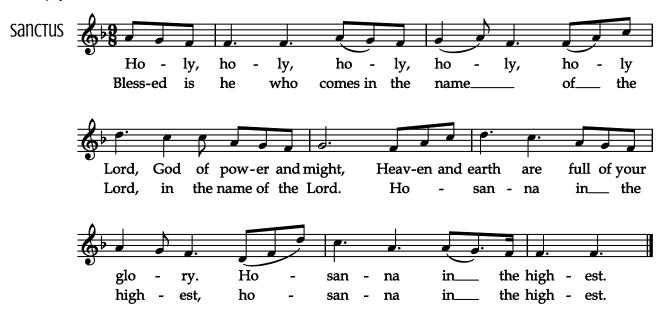
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



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:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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 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. **Amen.** 

THE LOTD'S Prayer Version by Parker Palmer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray this version of the Lord's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come,

We pray that your good will be done,

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,

From each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days –

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:

Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

THE Fraction: Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. *Celebrant*: The Gifts of God for the people of God; holy food for holy people.

#### invitation to communion

Please be seated until you are invited to come forward to receive communion. Please let us know if you would like Holy Communion brought to you. All are welcome. Truly.



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THE POST COMMUNION Prayer (Please rise.)

Gord Waldie

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

God our shepherd, we have gathered at the table You have prepared. We have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted your overflowing abundance. May this meal embolden, enrich, and nurture us as we go out to live as people of The Way. And may goodness and mercy flow through us all the days of our lives. May we live in your presence forever. Amen.

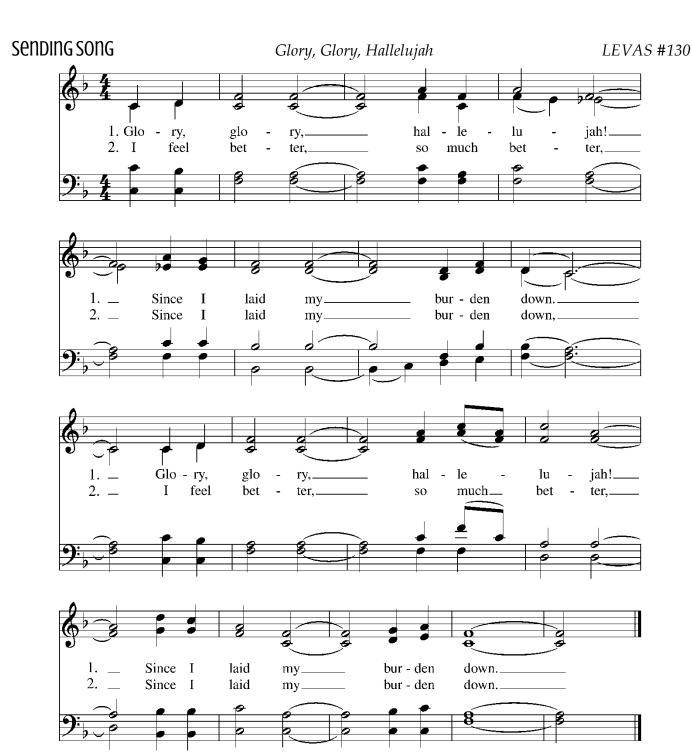
#### A Prayer For Transition

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of all ages and keeper of our days, we lay before you this season of transition in which we find ourselves. Be with us in this time and give us courage and patience to live these days mindful, as Jesus taught his friends, that a grain of wheat must be planted in the earth and die in order to bear much fruit. Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, the Vestry, and the whole community of this parish to be of one heart and mind, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

May the rain fall off your shoulders
when you're caught in a storm.
When the frost comes a callin' may it find you safe and warm.
May your place be set, and may your promises be kept.
And may you never forget that you are loved.



- 3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
- 4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

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# DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Risen Christ!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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