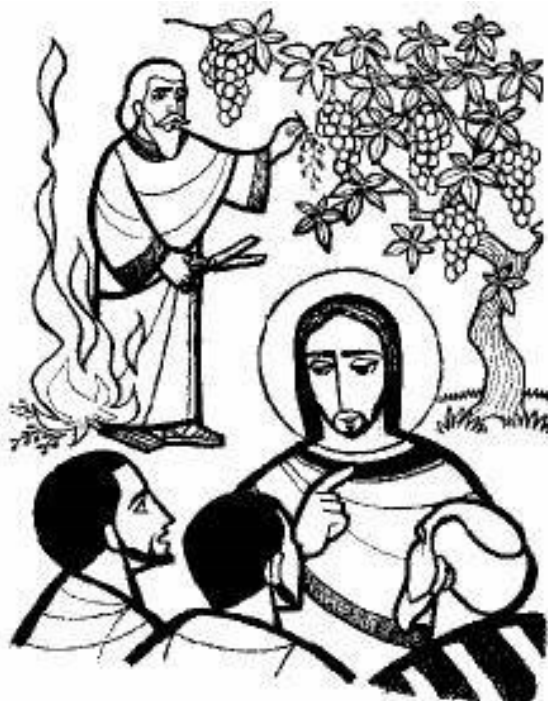


May 2, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



St. David's Episcopal Church
...reaching out to warmly welcome all.

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The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

Opening Hymn #376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. 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.*

(The Children depart for Children's Church. Any who wish to remain in the service are welcome to do so.)

The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Song:

"My Jesus, I love thee"

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;
3. And praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
4. I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

1. If ev - er I loved _ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 2. If ev - er I loved _ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 3. "If ev - er I loved _ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
 4. "If ev - er I loved _ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker

Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayer List

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for... Any affected, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19, Sam, Jen, Sally, Barb, Mark, Julie, Harper, & Trent, Allison, Sherry, Ernie, Eileen, Judy, Nancy, Don, Lindsey, Kelly, Jason, Joan, all those who serve in the armed forces of the United States, for all who fight in the conflicts of the world and for the day when war will finally cease. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Franklin Park. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. We also pray for our fellow Christians of Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church and those of The ACNA Parish of Christ the Redeemer South Hills.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory:

"Oh, how I love Jesus"

1. There is a name_ I love to hear, I love to sing_ its worth; ___
2. It tells me of___ a Sav-ior's love, Who died to set_ me free; ___
3. It tells me what_ my Fa-ther hath In store for ev - 'ry day, ___
4. It tells of one_ whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est woe, ___

1. It sounds like mu - sic in mine ear, The sweet - est name on earth. ___
2. It tells me of___ His pre-cious blood, The sin - ner's per - fect plea. ___
3. And though I tread_ a dark-some path, Yields sun - shine all the way. ___
4. Who in each sor - row bears a part, That none_ can bear be - low. ___

O how I love Je - sus, ___ O how I love Je - sus, ___

O how I love Je - sus, Be - cause_ He first loved me!

Presentation hymn: The Doxology

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 God thanks and praise.*

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might.
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 children; 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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

(For Communion, you may come forward to receive and take a wine cup to the side of the altar, where you may remove your mask and consume. Place cups in the bin. Gluten-free available.)

Communion Song:

(VERSE 1)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.

(CHORUS)

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

(VERSE 2)

Jesus loves me, He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide.

“Jesus Loves Me”

He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in

(CHORUS)

(VERSE 3)

Jesus loves me, He will stay
Close beside me all the way.
On the cross You died for me,
I will always live for You.

(CHORUS)

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Announcements

Communion will be available after worship from 11-11:30am. Rev. Nano will be available to distribute communion under the portico for any who joined for worship virtually and wish to receive.

Mother's Day Outdoor Service - The 10am service on May 9th (Mother's Day) will be an outdoors (weather permitting).

Pledged Giving - Please check that your pledged/planned giving is up to date. If it is not and you are able, please send in a donation to bring giving up to date.

Baptisms - We are offering the sacrament of baptism again. We are scheduling one family per month, so if you have been waiting for the opportunity, please email Melissa in the office.

Sunday Worship - There is now room for a few more on Sunday mornings for in-person worship. If you would like to start attending, please let Melissa know (stdavidspeterstwp@gmail.com).

Family Fun Night - Please come for a masked family fun night outdoors. We will have music, a food truck, and the kids can play. Wednesday May 12th from 5-7pm. Bring a blanket to have a picnic dinner!

Planned Closure: There will be a planned closure of the building May 17-24 while we address some building issues. It is expected that worship will be all virtual on May 23rd.

Tech Support Needed: We're looking for a few folks to help with the "tech" side of worship on Sundays. Please email/talk to Kris or Melissa if interested or with questions.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be the first week of August (Aug 3-6). Caylin is searching for volunteers. Please visit the site in the email to sign up for one of the many spots if you're willing and able!