

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Welcome to St. James! We are a community of faith rooted in God's unconditional love, seeking to express that love to one another, our neighbors and the world. We're glad you're here! If this is your first time worshipping with us, please feel free to participate fully in the worship of this community. We've prepared this booklet to help you do that—but don't be afraid to ask someone sitting nearby to show you what comes next. We'd be glad to have you fill out one of the green visitor cards with as much information as you feel comfortable sharing with us.

All are welcome here! And all are welcome to receive the feast prepared for us before time, the bread and wine consecrated at the Holy Table, the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. You do not need to be an Episcopalian to receive communion. We'll have particular instructions to guide you coming forward if you are not familiar with our practice.

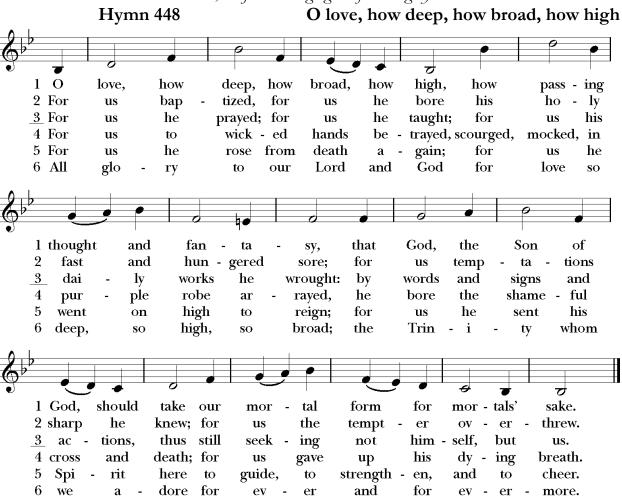
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

## The Word of God

Prelude

Please stand. At the 10:30 service, all join in singing the following hymn.



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: Deus tourum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

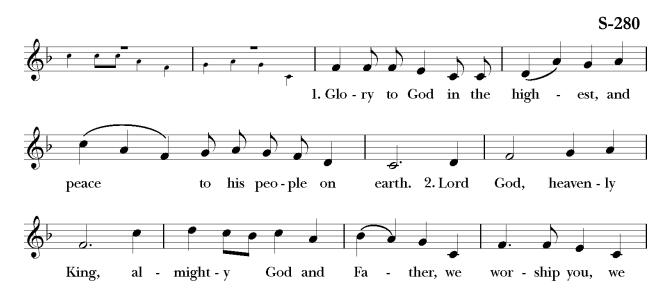
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Still standing, at 8am Glory to God in the Highest is recited.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.





Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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*.

Please be seated.

#### The Lessons

First Reading 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great as/sembly; \*
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 be / fore 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 be/fore 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 un/born \* the saving deeds that he has/done.

\*\*(repeat the second half of the chant when singing)

**Second Reading** 1 John 4:7-21

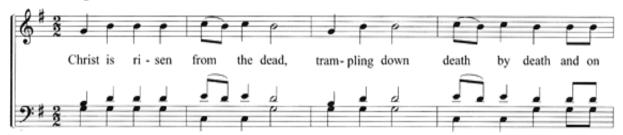
Reader A reading from the first letter of John

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence follows the reading. All then stand to sing the following three times through—each time with increased tempo





Music: The Young Convert, from Christian Harmony, 1805; adapt. Richard Fabian (b. 1942). Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

The proclamation of the 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.

Please be seated.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Linda M. Young

Please stand.

#### The Nicene Creed

From Enriching Our Worship

Presider and People

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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, 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.

## Prayers of the People

Deacon: I will end each petition saying, "Loving God," and the congregation will respond "put your words in our hearts." Friends, there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. So let us boldly pray to God.

Reader: Great vine-grower, remove anything in your Church that hinders our love. May we abide in your Son Jesus. May he abide in us. We want to bear much fruit; we want to be disciples of your Son.

Silence

Reader: Loving God,

Congregation: put your words in our hearts.

Reader: Ruler of the nations, under your reign the poor shall eat and be satisfied: make known your saving deeds to the ends of the earth.

Silence

Reader: Loving God,

Congregation: put your words in our hearts.

Reader: Creator God, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine. Give us eyes to see your presence in our world; give us words to witness to your goodness.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Silence

Reader: Loving God,

Congregation: put your words in our hearts.

Reader: Good Teacher, you sent Philip to the Ethiopian so that he would be transformed by understanding: bless our local colleges and universities. Give wisdom and understanding to all those who teach and all those who learn.

Silence

Reader: Loving God,

Congregation: put your words in our hearts.

Reader: O God, you are love. You love us so much. We pray for our brothers and sisters, especially those in great need. Increase our love for them; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing touch.

Invite the congregation to add their **petitions** followed by silence.

Silence

Reader: Loving God,

Congregation: put your words in our hearts.

Reader: Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: May your love be an eternal abode for all your saints.

Silence

Reader: Loving God,

Congregation: put your words in our hearts.

## **Prayer for Mission**

Presider

Creator of all, you speak life into being and call us into holy community. Open our ears to listen, enliven our curiosity to learn, and hasten our courage to respond. Teach us how to listen and love as you do, joining with all of creation as we proclaim and embody your Good News in all that we undertake. May the Spirit's breath empower us to live these words we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements

The presider begins the Offertory with a suitable sentence from scripture.

Offertory

Choir

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

(Expansive Language)

Please stand

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.

#### Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death He has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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:

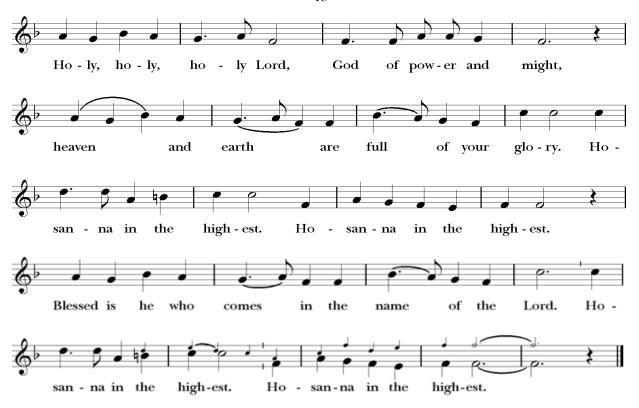
## Celebrant and People

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.



#### Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

## The Lord's Prayer

Presider and People

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 forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

## **Fraction Anthem**



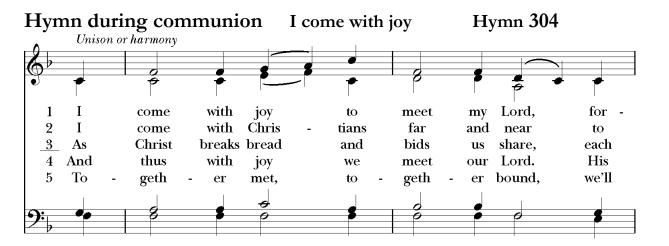
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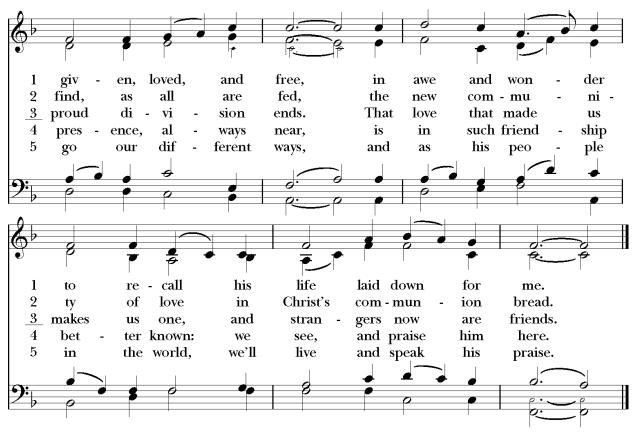
Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God

#### Communion

#### Receiving Communion at Saint James' Episcopal Church:

- ♦ This is God's table and all are welcome
- ♦ The Priest will distribute the bread at a station in front of the altar.
- ♦ Please wait for the Usher to signal you to come to receive.
- ♦ The Priest will place the bread in your cupped hand.
- ♦ If you wish to drink wine from the Chalice, go to the cup distributor. Guide the cup to your mouth and take a sip.
- ♦ Please **do not** dip your bread into the cup.
- ♦ Gluten free wafers are available. Ask the Priest when you come to receive.
- ♦ If you have a hard time walking, the Usher will have the Priest bring the Eucharist to you.
- ♦ If you don't wish to receive you may come to the Priest for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Priest will know to give you a blessing.





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## Post-communion prayer

From Enriching Our Worship

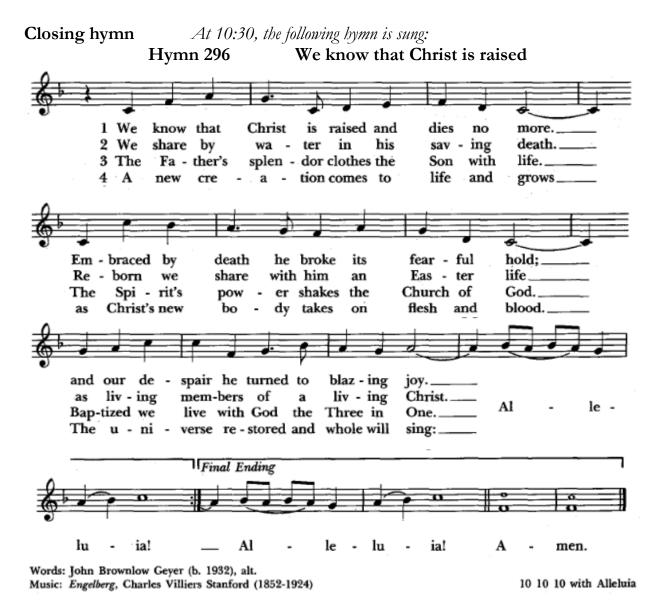
Presider Let us pray

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

All standing, the Presider may bless the people and the people respond, Amen.



#### The Dismissal

Deacon

The Deacon dismisses the people who respond:

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Our ministry team for Sunday April 28, 2024

The Rev. Linda M. Young presiding and preaching

8 am Reader: Catherine Ritchie

8am Eucharistic Minister/Reader: Dean Ritchie

10:30 am Reader 1: Stephan Flores

10:30 am Eucharistic Minister/Reader 2: Beth Benten-Burns

**Usher:** Linda Johnson

Coffee Hour: Gia Gordon and Arvid Olson

**Vestry counter:** Judy Croskey

Our ministry team for next Sunday May 5, 2024

8 am Reader: Catherine Ritchie

8am Eucharistic Minister/Reader: Dean Ritchie

10:30 am Reader 1: Elena Panchenko

10:30 am Eucharistic Minister/Reader 2: Jane Sielken

Usher: Linda Johnson

Coffee Hour: Mary Flores

**Vestry counter:** Judy Croskey

Adult Forum will study the background to the Israel/Palestine conflict. We will examine the history, the Jewish perspective, the Muslim perspective and role of the Anglican Communion in the area. Join us at 9am in the Canterbury Room. These studies are made available through ChurchNext, a video service of Forward Movement. This study will continue through May.

We're recruiting parishioners to take part in St. James' iconic "Speaking in Tongues" on Pentecost (Sunday, May 19th). If you can read the passage in Acts in some language other than English wherein the Holy Spirit inspires the apostles to speak in various languages, please consider joining your fellow-linguists in doing so at the 10:30 service on that day. Your pronunciation need not be letter-perfect (who will know anyway?). Talk to Doug Adams with questions and expressions of interest.

Food for the Food Bank Jam, Canned soups, Canned meats (no salmon), Pasta/Whole Wheat Pasta, Baby Wipes

This Week at St. James – April 28 – May 5, 2024

Sunday (04/28) 8:00am & 10:30am Eucharist The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Wednesday 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Zoe's (Stadium Way and the Moscow

Highway). All men and women welcome

5:00 pm ELM Dinner & program (at Simpson UMC)

Thursday 7:00 pm Lectionary study - via Zoom

Sunday (05/05) 8:00am & 10:30am Eucharist The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Reading for Sunday April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

## Reading for Sunday May 5, 2024

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17



Welcome to St. James!

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The Ministers of the Parish are: The People of St. James

Supported by these lay and ordained leaders

Senior Warden: Sharon Nitz (2025)

Jr. Warden: Rex Burns (2025)

Treasurer: Dennis Edgecombe, Doug Adams

Vestry: Sharon Nitz (2025), Helen Smith (2025), Judy Croskey (2026), Rex

Burns(2025), Carolyn Ross-Ridout(2026), Linda Johnson(2027), Gretchen

O'Connor(2026)

Music Director: Elena Panchenko

Rector: The Rev. Linda M. Young

Deacon: The Ven. Theodore Nitz

as part of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Spokane, under the leadership of our Bishop, The Right Reverend Gretchen Rehberg.