

Christ in Majesty, Zachary Roesemann, 2008

St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Fifth Sunday of Easter ✠ April 28, 2024

The Holy Eucharist ✠ 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul! We are glad you are worshipping alongside us today. You are welcome here. All of who you are is welcome here.

If you are new to the Episcopal Church, you may wish to note a few things about our worship style. In general, we stand to sing and pray, and to hear the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ. We sit to hear other scripture and to listen to the preacher. You may notice that some people choose, at certain times, to kneel, or to make the sign of the cross on their body, or to bow. You may do any, all, or none of those things. Kneelers are located under the table in the back of the church, should you wish to use one.

CHILDREN are always welcome in the service, as is their wiggling and whispering, and their need to move and explore. There is a children's activity area in the back of the church for use as needed. Sunday School for children aged four through grade five is available between services, beginning around 10:00. There is no formal nursery, but please feel free to explore the space and how it might meet your needs.

You can find most everything you need in this bulletin. The **MUSIC** we sing is found within this bulletin or in the blue *Hymnal 1982* found either on your seat or in the rack under the seat in front of you. Hymn numbers that begin with the letter S are in the front section of the hymnal.

IF YOU ARE NEW to this community and wish to know more about it or to receive our weekly e-mail newsletters, please fill out a green card located on the table in the back of the church and either leave it on the table or hand it to the clergy or an usher. We would love to know you more fully!

Finally, a word about **COMMUNION** (Lord's Supper, Eucharist) – the bread and wine. The table fellowship we experience together is for everyone. Everyone. It is a grace freely given by the one who loves us so very much. And it's for you.

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11:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
This service is livestreamed on YouTube

Opening Voluntary: *The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

The Word of God

All stand and sing

Processional Hymn 296 *We know that Christ is raised*

*Celebrant
People*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We sing this ancient hymn of praise Gloria in excelsis:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day, a short prayer to bring focus to the community's worship:

*Celebrant
People
Celebrant*

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *Stillness*

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.

People

Amen.

We pray together this prayer for our search for a new Director of Music

Everliving and ever-loving God who is found in the still, small voice and in the joyful noise: Be with us as we call a Director of Music and Cathedral Arts, granting that we might find a candidate with the musical ability to inspire our minds and uplift our hearts in worship; Give us patience and faith to entrust this process to your divine guidance, and awareness of the many blessings you continue to give, especially the wonderfully dedicated volunteers who contribute to the musical life of our Cathedral home; in the name of Jesus who teaches us verse after verse of your sacred song. Amen.

Reader

We sit to hear a reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Acts 8:26-40

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

People

Thanks be to God. *Stillness follows.*

As a meditation on the reading, the choir sings Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

We hear a reading from the New Testament Letters

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.

1 John 4:7-21

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

People

Thanks be to God. *Stillness follows*

All stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for a reading from the life of Jesus.

Hymn 379 God is love

Deacon

The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Deacon

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."

John 15:1-8

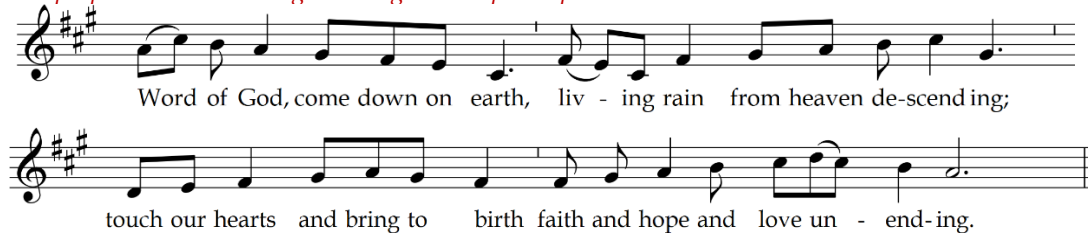
Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The people remain standing and sing the Gospel response.



Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heaven de - scend ing;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love un - end - ing.

The Sermon *The preacher breaks open the scripture*

The Revd Deacon Susan McMillan

A short period of stillness follows the Sermon. Then we stand and say together the Nicene Creed, a statement of Christian faith dating from the fourth century.

*Celebrant
& 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.

We pray for the Church, this nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns and thanksgivings of our community, those who suffer, and those who have died.

*Intercessor
People*

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

*Intercessor
People*

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

*Intercessor
People*

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

*Intercessor
People*

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.

*Intercessor
People*

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

*Intercessor
People*

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

*Intercessor
People*

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

*Intercessor
People*

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

Intercessor

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

The people may add their own petitions aloud or silently. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

*Celebrant
People*

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you. *We greet those nearest us with a sign of God's peace.*

We sit for a word of welcome and announcements.

After the announcements the Celebrant offers a sentence of encouragement as we consider the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Ushers pass a plate to collect offerings for the work of the Church. Electronic giving is available through our website by scanning the QR code on the yellow announcements sheet. The choir sings an anthem:

Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which thou hast given us,
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us;
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly day by day. Amen.

Words Richard, Bishop of Chichester (ca. 1197-1253) • Music Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The gifts of bread and wine, and the fruits of our labors are brought forward. The Table is set and we sing the Offertory Hymn.

Hymn 439 *What wondrous love is this*

We remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant

God 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.

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer, leading to the singing of the Sanctus:

Celebrant

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 should with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting William Mathias

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer.

After the words over the bread and wine, all join in the Memorial Acclamation.

Celebrant

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:

All

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

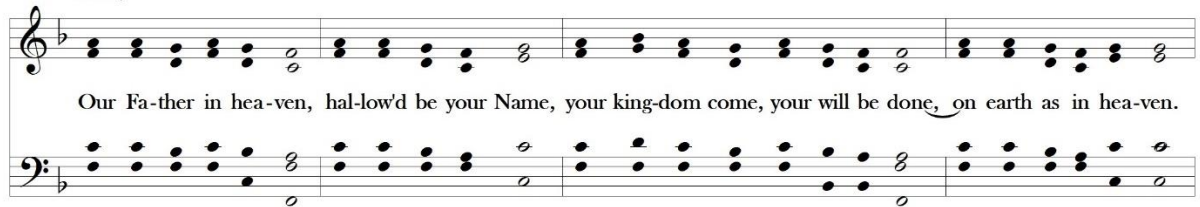
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The celebrant continues with the Prayer which concludes,

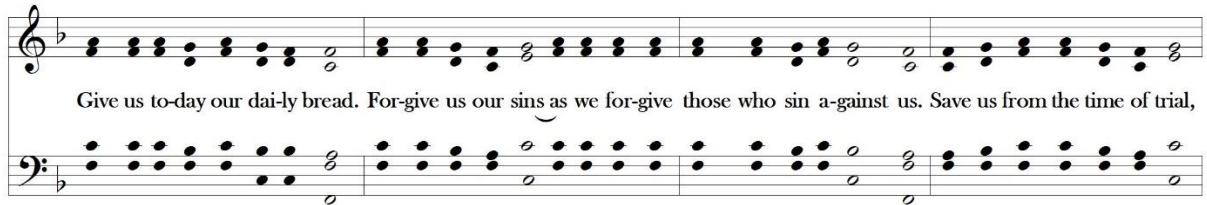
Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

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

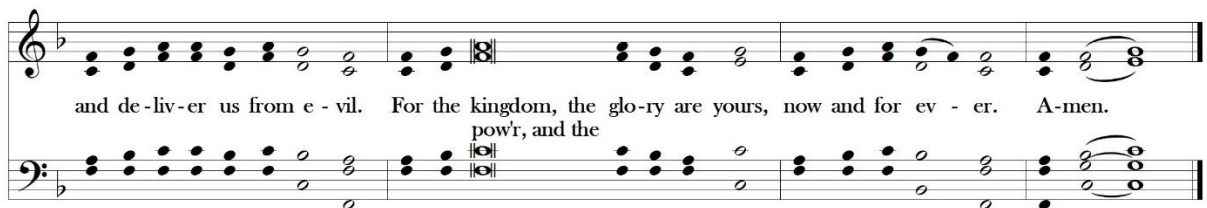
Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low'd be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.

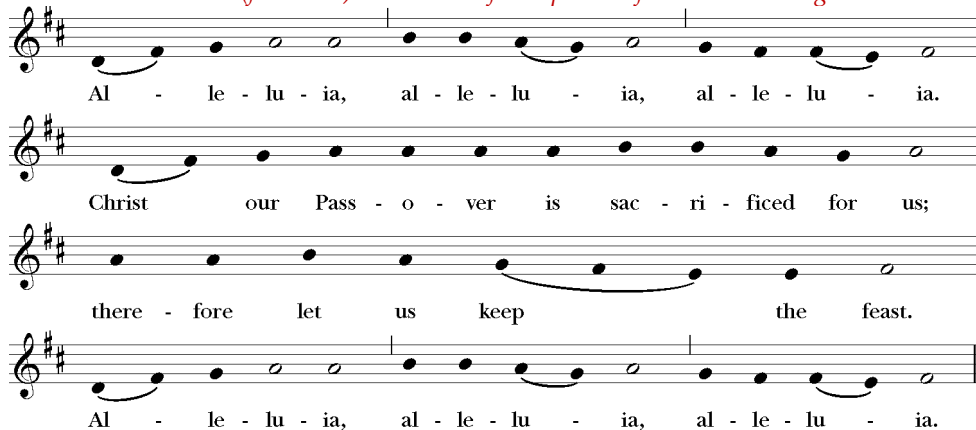


Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the kingdom, the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A-men.

The Celebrant breaks (fractures) the bread. After a period of stillness we sing the Fraction Anthem:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting David Hurd from New Plainsong

The Celebrant invites us to share in the Eucharistic feast; The table fellowship we experience together is for everyone. The bread may be received directly into your hand, one palm crossed over the other. The wine may be taken by sipping from the cup or touching the bread to the cup or by using the small bowl to dip the bread into the wine (this is called intinction). Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate your need at the time you receive Communion. Those who prefer not to receive the sacrament may ask for a blessing, crossing arms, fingertips touching the shoulders.

During the Eucharist we sing this hymn:

Hymn 662 Abide with me

When all have received a period of stillness is observed. Then all stand and sing this hymn

Hymn 182 Christ is alive!

Bread and wine may be given to a member of the congregation to take to those who are sick or shut in.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go (*may name aloud*) may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**
We remain standing to say this Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant Let us pray. *Stillness*

Celebrant God of abundance,
All **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.**

People *The Celebrant offers a blessing over the People who respond,*
Amen.

Deacon *The Deacon sends us forth with these words:*
 Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The choir and clergy process out. The People may remain and listen to the organ music that follows or may leave quietly, so as not to disturb those who stay to listen.

Closing Voluntary: *Fugue in E-flat Major ("St. Anne")* BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



SERVING IN THE LITURGY TODAY

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