

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018, 10:00 am



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

The flowers on the altar are given by Dick & Sara Briggs, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Dick's mother, Eleanor C. Briggs.

We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. The season is marked with white vestments, extra candles, the presence of the paschal candle near the altar, and at the 10am service, sung parts for the Great Thanksgiving. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.

The Word of God

Prelude

Movement 1 from Organ Concerto, BWV 596

JS Bach

Processional Hymn

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is stream-ing. Now is the dark - ness
We are the young, our lives are a myst - ry, we are the old who
Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,
van - ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through out all of hist - ry.
light years a - way. Here in this place a new light is shin - ing.
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Now is the King - dom! Now is the day!
Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en. Gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty. Gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, and hold us for - ev - er. Gath - er us in, and
blind and the lame. Call to us now and we shall a - wa - ken.
proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
make us your own. Gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er.
We shall a - rise at the sound of your name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Peter Huang

Preacher: Ms. Tina van der Velden, *Mission and Visioning Cttee.*

† The Opening Acclamation
 Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
 People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Gloria

Gloria

John Rutter

13 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ry King, al-
 25 might-y God and Fa-ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
 40 Lord Jesus Christ, on-ly Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin
 56 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: re-ceive our prayer. For
 70 you a-lone are the Holy 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.

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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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Acts 8:26-40

1st 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.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 22:22-30

Hopson



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*O praise the Lord, you that fear him, O Israel's offspring, stand in awe;
All you who are of Jacob's line give glory always to the Lord.*

*The Lord does not despise the poor, but when they cry, he hears their plea;
I will praise God and make my vows, I will perform them publicly.*

*The poor shall eat and have their fill; those who seek God shall give him praise;
All nations shall turn to the Lord and bow before his throne always.*

*Kingship belongs to God the Lord, he rules the nations from his throne;
All those who sleep within the earth bow down to worship him alone.*

*My soul shall live for him, my heirs shall serve the Lord at his command,
To people yet unborn make known the saving deeds of his right hand.*

The Second Lesson 1 John 4:7-21

2nd 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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND as able, and join in singing

The Gospel Procession

Alleluia

Fishel

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Give praise to His Name. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 He is the King of cre - a - - - - - tion. Al - le -

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The Holy 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.**

As the Procession returns please join in singing the Alleluia

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

Ms. Tina van der Velden

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All **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 from 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 worshiped 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.

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

(the People read the responses in bold)

Gracious God, after his resurrection, your Son Jesus Christ was present with his disciples for many weeks, and blessed them with peace, teaching them to love all people. As his disciples in this age, let us follow in the way of the risen Jesus with the resilient power of your love.

Grant to this family of St Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus. My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bless all with wisdom, especially civil and religious leaders. Help us to remember that even though the future is hidden from human view your divine guidance is always available.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know. We pray for the welfare of the world.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Susie Allen, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Rob Fitting, Mary Louise Gordon, Mama Hill, Nancy Jacobsmeyer, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Peter Pano, Karen Pearson, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now. *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud)*. Your mercy endures forever.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind and from the consequences of natural disasters. Jesus Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges.

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). We give thanks for the peace of the Christ.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially those we name to you now.

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.) Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Celebrant Let us pray.

We pray our mission statement in the power of the risen Jesus and ask for the grace to be faithful to our calling: We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen. *(NEW St Francis Mission Statement 2018)*

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the 50 days of the Easter season.

Please STAND, as able, for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Michael Sitton

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

Offertory Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Vulpius

Good Christ-ians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph of our King! To all the
 world glad news we bring. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words Cyril Alington (1872-1955) GELOBT SEI GOTT Melchoir Vulpius (1560?-1616)

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving

Adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.



Celebrant

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Haugen

9 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

17 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

25 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The People remain standing, or kneel, as the Celebrant continues, with the People reading the words in Bold.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. You make all things and call them good. You love us into being; you form us in your image; and breathe into us the breath of life. When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast. You deliver us from captivity, and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey. In Christ you have set before us the way of life. By his baptism of suffering and death you give your church birth into a living hope.

Raising Jesus from the dead, you make a new covenant with us, by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom. We who were no people are now your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

On the night when he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, 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."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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."**

On the third day you raised him from the dead and revealed him to the women who came to the tomb to care for his body. On that day he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread. And so, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, and we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Lord our God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world, until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever.

The People sing **AMEN.**

Celebrant 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Haugen

Musical score for Fraction Anthem. The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff is marked "Sing three times" and "Last time to Coda". The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us." The second staff is marked "Coda" and "10". The lyrics are: "world, grant us peace, grant us peace." The score ends with a double bar line.

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The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.***

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

**Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

Communion Music

Celtic Communion

Mark Hayes

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears, by sinners shed;
and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed!*

*Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, One in Three;
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me, Three in One. Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who brings new hope and a new future through his resurrection from the dead, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen, alleluia!**

Please STAND, as able, for

The Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #488

The Sending Forth

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

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

Postlude

Movement 3 from Organ Concerto, BWV 596

JS Bach