

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



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

## Important Covid Safety Reminders

In acknowledgement of our love and commitment to our faith community, we remind you that face masks must be worn at all times at St. Francis. They must cover your mouth *and* nose. Please also keep a minimum of 6 ft distance from those not in your immediate household, regardless of your own immunization status.

Please also note that we are publicly livestreaming our worship service.

*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, and the presence of the paschal candle near the altar. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.*

## The Word of God

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Please STAND, as able.

**Please do NOT join in singing.**

*Diocesan safety requirements currently prohibit congregational singing regardless of covid or vaccination status.*

*We thank you all for your regard to fellow-worshippers, clergy and staff.*

Processional Hymn

**We Know That Christ Is Raised**

**Hymn #296, v. 1, 4**

Singers:

*Kirsten Goulde, Cheryl Graue, Suellen Eslinger, Susie Willigrod, Alyson Witherspoon*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death, he broke its A new cre-a-tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new bo-dy takes on". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "fear-ful hold; and our de-spair he turned to blaz-ing joy. flesh and blood. The u-ni-verse re-stored and whole will sing:". The third staff concludes with the lyrics "Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!" and includes a "Last time" bracket over the final two measures.

Hymn #296, The Hymnal 1982, ENGELBERG by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) Words John Geyer b. 1923

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jude Lyons  
**Preacher/Deacon:** The Rev. Jerry Sather

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 Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, join in saying,*

### The Gloria

**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.**

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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?” And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

The Response Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

Reader Let us say together Psalm 22

**24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \***

**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 before 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 before 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 unborn \***

**the saving deeds that he has done.**

The Epistle 1 John 4:7-21

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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*Please STAND, as able.*

† The Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated for*

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

*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 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.**

**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, therefore, 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, therefore, 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, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, 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, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Shelby Martyniak, John McCabe, Michael, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd, Jennifer Zimmerman, and all those we name to you now. *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud)*.

Your mercy endures forever.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All We say 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.**

*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.**

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

*Remember to observe physical distancing.*

*Please be seated.*

Welcome

# The Holy Communion

*Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave.  
Please follow instructions from the Ushers.*

## Offertory Anthem

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Gwyneth Walker*

*Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.  
Let us love one another on our knees. Let us love one another on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy.  
Let us rise up together all as one. Let us rise up together all as one.  
When I rise from my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy.  
O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy.  
And bring us peace, peace.*

*Singers: St. Francis Choir and St. Peter's by the Sea Sanctuary Choir*

*Please STAND, as able,*

## 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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

*The people join in reading the parts in **bold**.*

**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.**

*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:

*Please say together,*

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.*

*The Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text 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. **Amen.**

Celebrant Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

**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.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

*Communion (bread only) will be distributed as you exit the church. Please follow the Ushers' instructions*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and gave yourself to die on the cross for our salvation: Give us that same humility, and that same spirit of self-giving love, so we may faithfully follow you and proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A Prayer for Transition

All O gracious Lord, you have told us that we are your sheep, and that you are our shepherd. We humbly ask you to open our eyes and minds to your choice of the right person to care for St. Francis Parish and guide your flock here on earth as we continue forward on our journey to serve you. Amen.

(by Laurie Anderson)

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.



All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, but do NOT join in singing

The Closing Hymn

In Christ There Is No East Or West

Hymn #62 [LEVAS II], v. 1, 3, 4

Singers: Mary Abbott, Carolyn Carpenter, Anna Eakins, Jill Lynch, Suzanne Miller

In Christ there is no East of West, In Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love Through out the whole wide earth. me. earth.

Pease remain in your seat and wait for the Ushers' instructions in order to leave the church.

Postlude

Toccata

Flor Peeters