



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
11:00 am



This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand) **GATHERING SONG**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**"Here I Am to Worship" Tim Hughes
Messenger**

**Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You**

**Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

**Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**



**I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross**

**Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
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(stand) **GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray...
O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

(stand) **OPENING SONG**

“Waymaker” Leeland

Messenger

**You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You
I worship You**

**You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are**

**You are here, touching every heart
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You
I worship You**

**You are here, oh, turning lives around
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, and mending every heart
I worship You
I worship You**



**You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are**

That is who You are (4x)

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(stand)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

G **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

G **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

G **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

G **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

(sit) **FIRST READINGActs 8:26-40**

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TALK

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**
“Glory to God Forever” Steve Fee

**We sing: Glory to God,
glory to God, glory to God forever!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God forever! Amen.**

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(stand) **GOSPEL John 15:1-8**

P The holy gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) **SERMON Pastor Katie Christie**

SONG OF THE DAY

“Blessed Be Your Name”Beth Redman, Matt Redman

**Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say**



Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name. (repeat 2x)

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APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(stand) **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Silence for reflection.

*Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace,"
The response is "hear our prayer."*

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(sit) **THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

"We Are An Offering"Dwight Liles

**We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering**

**Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering**

**All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You**



**We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering**

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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Dearest Jesus,
C you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

G **Father in Heaven**
Holy is Your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done on earth
As it is in Heaven
Our Father in Heaven
Lead us not into temptation
God deliver us from the enemy
Yours is the kingdom
And the power
And the glory
Forever

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

G **Thanks be to God.**

(sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Revelation Song”Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Holy holy is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat (*Repeat*)

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be

To You the only one who's King

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power breath and living water

Such a marvelous mystery

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

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- Ⓟ** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- Ⓒ** Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

G **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Chris is risen!

G **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

G **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Celebrate Jesus” Gary Oliver

**Celebrate, Jesus celebrate
Celebrate, Jesus celebrate
Celebrate, Jesus celebrate
Celebrate, Jesus celebrate**

**He is risen, He is risen
And He lives forevermore
He is risen, He is risen
Come on and celebrate
The resurrection of our Lord**

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

G **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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