CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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> The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

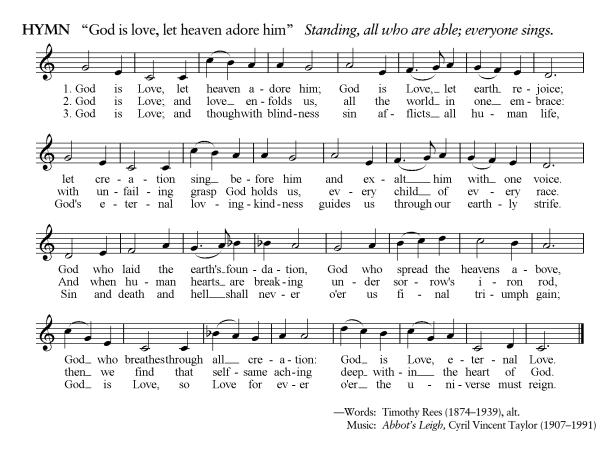
PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

O God, we seek to be a people of the resurrection, a people of Easter joy. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives; in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word



ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY Remain standing.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Remain standing; everyone sings.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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*.

FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26–40).

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 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: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



—Setting: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)

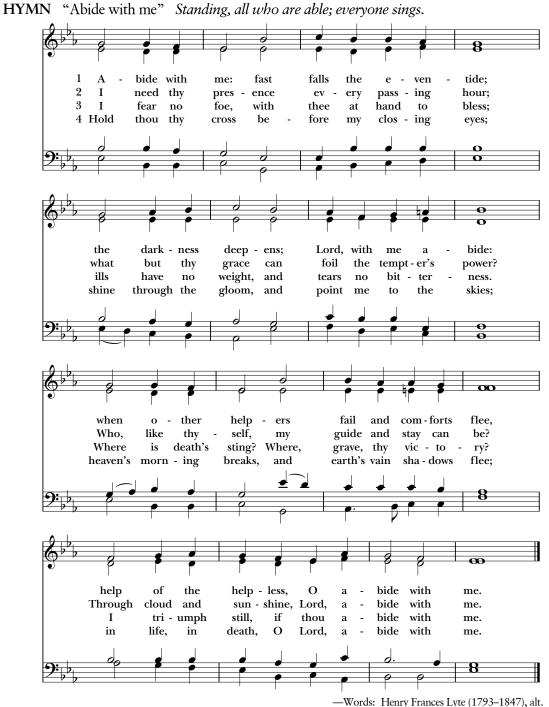
- My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall <u>praise him</u>: * "May your heart live for <u>ever</u>!"
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the <u>LORD</u>, * and all the families of the nations shall bow be<u>fore him</u>.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the <u>LORD</u>; * he rules over the <u>nations</u>.
- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in <u>worship</u>; * all who go down to the dust fall be<u>fore him</u>.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall <u>serve him;</u> * they shall be known as the LORD'S for <u>ever</u>.
- ± 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un<u>born</u> * the saving deeds that he has <u>done</u>.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of John (4:7–21).

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: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



-Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793–1847), alt. Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1–8).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."

Gospeler:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Erin Keck for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

SERMON

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.* 1 We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be, 2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied; 3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, saints with-in bond - ing all the Mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, keep - er of the and sea. sky tak - en from the cross, was bur-ied, True Life there had tru - ly died. church ho - ly, where for - give - ness one church catho-lic, one frees from sin; We be - lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, the third day We be - lieve that Christ was raised up from the on grave, the break - ing in the bo-dy's res - sur - rec - tion, for of death's chain the Spir - it bring a life. of and of Mar - y, born to bun - dant then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come a gain to save. ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that gives the life that's have claimed. we

-Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

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Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu,

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader:	There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. So let us boldy pray to
	God, saying: Loving God, put your words in our hearts.

Great vine-grower, remove anything in your Church that hinders your love and ours. May we abide in your Son Jesus. May he abide in us. We want to bear much fruit; we want to be his disciples. Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: 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. Loving God,

- People: Put your words in our hearts.
- Leader: God of all creation, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine. Give us eyes to see your presence in the world; give us words to witness to your goodness. We pray for all for whom Knoxville is home, and especially for this community of Good Samaritan. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: O God, you are love. You love us extravagantly. We pray for our brothers and sisters, especially those in great need. We pray for our parishioners, for the wider community of our parishioners' families and friends; for those whose needs are known to you alone. We pray for...

BEN & SARAH	JOYCE Grubb	SHAROLYN Sprigg
Alford/Sheppeard	MARGE Hudson	LO Starck
THE BAKER FAMILY	ANN McClain	JOYCE Taylor
GAIL Cox	DON McConnell	DENISE & ROGER Tibedo
MARY Davis	DALE Oakley	LISA Webb
LOIS & RON Dearolf	KENT Parish	ALICE & FRED Wegmann
CONNIE DeWitt	ALLAN Philp	MICHELE Welsh
DANA & DEWELL Downey	MARILYN Randall	and
DOUG Embler	THE RICHARDS FAMILY	DON White
THE GREELEY FAMILY	TOM Schlitt	

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader:	Increase our love for them, Lord; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing
	touch. Loving God,
People:	Put your words in our hearts.

- Leader: We pray for all who have died, trusting that they abide in you; and we remember their families and friends who grieve. *Silence.* Bring them, Lord, to the fullness of joy in you. Loving God,
- People: Put your words in our hearts.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen*.

PEACE Standing.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 *Corinthians* 9:7)

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy love my saving be, Lord, thine the victory.

> —Words: St. 1–3, Thomas T. Lynch, 1818–1871, alt.; st. 4, K. Lee Scott (b. 1950) Music: Adoro te devote, from Processionale, Paris, 1697; arr. K. Lee Scott



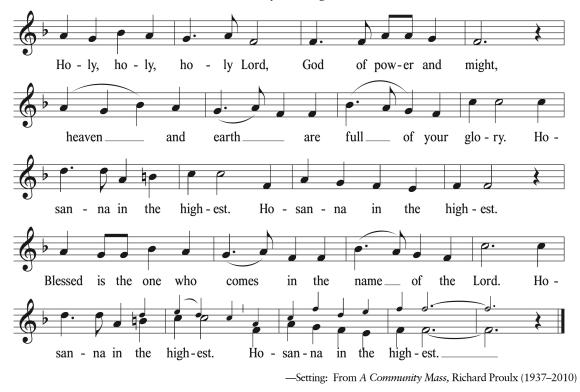
HYMN "Come, risen Lord" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Everyone sings:



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

- Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
 - All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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.

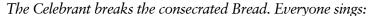
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

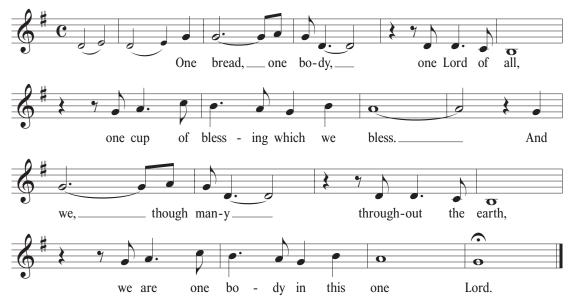
All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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





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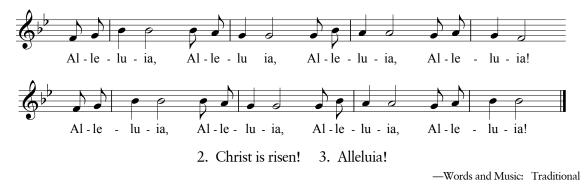
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DURING COMMUNION

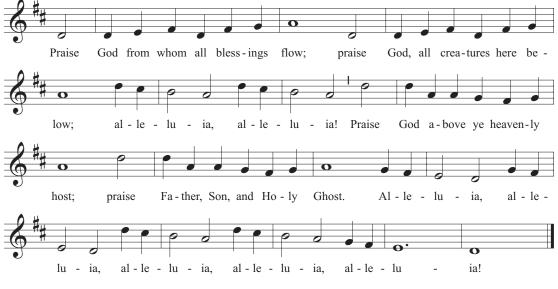


HYMN "God is love, and where true love is" *Everyone sings*.

—Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (b. 1919), alt Music: Mandatum, Richard Proulx (1937–2010) HYMN "Alleluia" Everyone sings.



DOXOLOGY Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.
 Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us pray. All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Remain standing.

- Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We are who are many are one body,
 - People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING Remain standing.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you into your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.



Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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