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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II - 10:00 AM



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Silent Prayer

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn: What wondrous love is this

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant and People:

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***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.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: 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.**

The First Lesson

Reader: 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 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.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:[24-30]

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Deus, Deus meus

- 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 Second Lesson

Reader: 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.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart. (in my heart)
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart. (in my heart)
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart. (in my heart)

In my heart, _____ in my heart, _____
 (in my heart) (in my heart)

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart. (in my heart)
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart. (in my heart)
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart. (in my heart)

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I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All Sing:

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

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The Sermon:

The Rev. Joseph Shippen

The Nicene Creed

*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.*

The Prayers of the People - Form VI

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During the Easter Season, all are invited to remain standing for the Prayers of the People

The Leader and the People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers; especially Daniel, our Bishop, Joseph, our Priest, and Pam, our Deacon; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philip's, Greenville, SC; St. James, Greenville, SC; and The 5th Grade Bridge Retreat; we also pray for the ministry of HOPE 4 Our School—LBC Middle School students, faculty, staff, and their families;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Julia, Beth, Natalie, Cathy, Helen, Patti, Dick, Joyce, Sharon, Lee Ann, Ted, Scott, Joe, Georgia, Ronnie, Anne, Dee, Lil, Carol, Susan, John, Debra, Lori, Bob, Becky, Jerry, Susie, Josephine, David, Bill, Florence, Clayton, and Oscar.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We especially thank you for the birthday's of Aubree Jones and Michael Shippen;

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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:

Sanctus

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

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. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

***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

(Sung in Unison)

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This setting is not used in Lent.



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.

The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

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.

Communion: Like the murmur of the dove's song

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Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

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The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

For those who have a specific prayer need, you are invited to join The Daughter's of the King who gather at the altar after the service.

Prayers for healing: Julia Je Bailey (Mary Anne Good), Beth Barranco (Barb McCall), Natalie Black, Cathy Bowen (Laura Bowen), Helen Daugherty (Lisa Hatch), Patti Doughty (John Doughty), Dick Dunlap, Joyce Feenstra, Sharon Feenstra (Joyce Feenstra), Lee Ann Gill (Bobbie Quinn), Ted Godfrey, Scott Gustafson, Joe Johnson (Tom Holodak), Georgia Jopling, Ronnie Koss (Zeny & Khoi Vo), Anne Mayer, Dee McLane, Lil Miller, Carol Osteen, Susan Polis (MaryAnne Good), John Rectenwald, Debra Reynolds, Lori Rogers (Kim Vickers), Bob Rothe (MaryAnne Good), Becky Sapp, Jerry Scott, Susie Shelton (Bobbie Quinn), Josephine Shippen, David Thirkell,, Bill Turner (MaryAnne Good), Florence Ussery, Clayton Woodward (Lisa Hatch), and Oscar Zeller (Joey Zeller).

Birthdays: Aubree Jones and Michael Shippen

LITURGICAL SERVERS

Lector Patrick Hatch
Intercessor John Good
Eucharistic Minister Shari Scott
Usher David Miller
Altar Guild Tranis Harper and Shari Scott



The St. Bartholomew's Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a group of women who commit themselves to a life-long practice of prayer, service and evangelism with the mission to spread Christ's Kingdom. Here at St. Bartholomew's we support the clergy's pastoral care. We will start a training class in May/June. Any woman interesting in joining, can contact Robin Petry at petrymail@yahoo.com or call: 706-836-3027

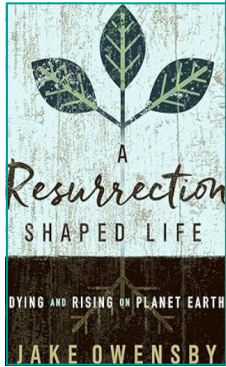


EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY HAS RESUMED ON SUNDAY'S

Youth Sunday School resumes on Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The Youth Group will also meet Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m.

CASSEROLES FOR CHRIST DUE TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

Please bring your casseroles in today, April 28th so that they can be delivered to Walking Tall Ministries tomorrow. Please contact Julie Bush if you need to arrange to deliver to church on Monday morning: 336-602-6754. Thank you!



Join us for a transformative journey this Easter Season as we explore the depths of resurrection faith and how it can shape our lives. Our Adult Sunday School class, led by Father Joseph, will delve into the themes of hope, renewal, and transformation that the resurrection of Jesus Christ brings into our lives and our world. While not a book study, the teachings will be enriched by insights from *A Resurrection Shaped Life* by Jake Owensby. This series will run from Sunday, April 14, 2024, through May 12, 2024, meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Building. Whether you are seeking to deepen your faith, or understand the power of resurrection in new ways, we hope that this class will be a source of inspiration and spiritual growth. All are welcome to join us in this journey of faith, hope, and love. For more information, contact Fr. Joseph priest@saintbart.org or 478-719-9670.

Pastoral Emergencies

All pastoral concerns including: hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, child concerns, or relationship issues may go directly to Rev. Joseph via his secured email at priest@saintbart.org or by phone at 803-279-4622. All concerns will be held in the strictest of confidence.

This week at St. Bartholomew's

Sunday, 4/28 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am **Sunday School - All ages**

9:00 am Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Ctr

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 am Streaming Worship Live on Facebook & YouTube

11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall

5:00 pm Episcopal Youth Community

Wednesday, 5/1

11:00 pm Bible Study

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist w/prayers for healing

Thursday, 5/2

4:00 pm Compline w/Rosary - Chapel in Office Bldg.

Sunday, 5/5 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am **Sunday School - All Ages**

9:00 am Centering Prayer - David Thompson Ministry Ctr

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 am Streaming Worship Live on Facebook & YouTube

11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall

5:00 pm Episcopal Youth Community

Please pick up your April Scroll in the Narthex today



Welcome to St. Bartholomew's!
We are glad that you are here.

The Nursery, which is located beside the Parish Hall, is available for children up to the 2nd grade.

About St. Bartholomew's

God has called us to be a diverse community where all may encounter God's love. God strengthens and nourishes us through the sacraments and speaks to us through scripture, tradition, and reason.

Our worship services are fully accessible in person and online, supported by a variety of music, good sermons, and relevant teaching. We provide a unique mix of the traditional and contemporary in both music and liturgy.

We strive, with God's help, to serve all who hunger for the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

All have a place here.

- St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement Adopted by the Mission Committee on May 21, 2023