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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8 A.M. | April 28, 2024

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant  
& People* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Celebrant  
& People* **Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**





## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Collect of the Day concluded the entrance rite and introduces the Liturgy of the Word. These prayers are usually related in the thematic way to the Gospel or the observance of the day.*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

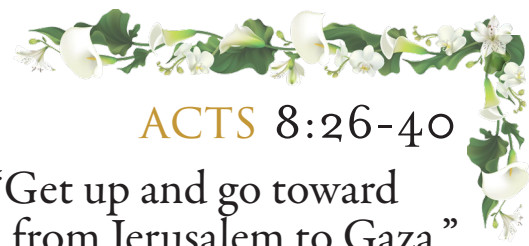
*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

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.

*People*        **Amen.**

*The People sit.*





## NEW TESTAMENT

ACTS 8:26-40

*The public reading of scripture is a part of our inheritance from Judaism, and the adoption of the practice by the early church is attested to in the New Testament. The Liturgy of the Word includes a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), a Psalm, an Epistle, a Gospel lesson and sermon. It concludes with the recitation of the Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People, the Confession, the Absolution, and the Peace.*

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:

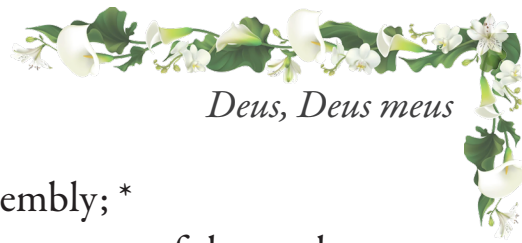
“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**





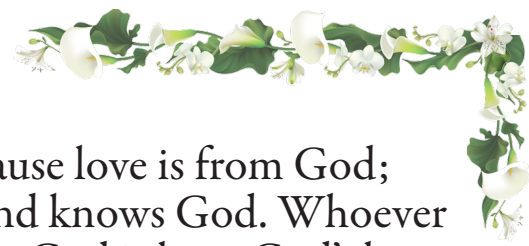
PSALM 22:24-30

*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 EPISTLE 1 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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**



*All stand, as able,  
for the reading of the  
Gospel, which is pre-  
ceded and followed by  
acclamations directed  
to Christ. The Gospel  
holds a place of honor  
as the final reading.  
The Gospel procession  
is symbolic of the  
Word coming to the  
people.*

*The People stand.*

## **GOSPEL JOHN 15:1-8**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**



*The Nicene Creed is our common affirmation of the faith. It states what we as a church believe, even as our individual understandings may grow and change over the years.*

*The People Stand.*

## 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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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world; especially for the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza and Haiti, and for our own country in this election. year;

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

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

*Leader* For Michael. our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura our Bishops; andfor all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

*People* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: Rupert, Jack, Douglas, Barbara P., Richard, Debbie, Cicely Penny, Roland, Tom K.W., Stephanie, Lin, Jon, Denise, Harry, Melissa, Carl, Ann, Ted, Kristin, Diane, Alfred, Jenny, Bonnie, Lily, and Annie.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

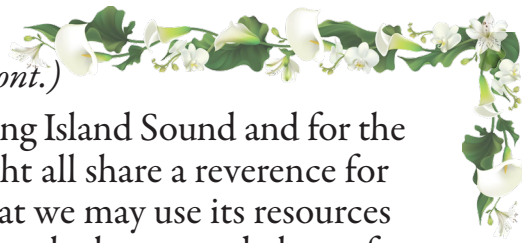
*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*The poeple join in heart and prayer to offer our common petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings to God.*





## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(cont.)*

*Leader* We give thanks for the beauty of Long Island Sound and for the life it sustains. We pray that we might all share a reverence for the earth as God's own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to the honor and glory of God. We pray for all who care for God's creation.

*People* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* 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.*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Peace is an ancient practice among Christians. It is a sign of love, affection, reconciliation, and greeting.*

## THE PEACE

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE



# DOXOLOGY

## HYMN 380 (st. 3) "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)





# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*Holy Eucharist recalls the Last Supper: "in the night in which he was betrayed," Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples. There are four actions of Communion: Taking, Giving Thanks, Breaking the Bread, Sharing in Communion.*

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Celebrant inserts a Proper Preface.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*Celebrant* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

*& People* **Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand.*

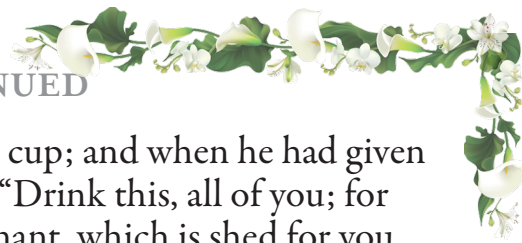
*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*In the Sanctus we join with saints and angels and all of creation in a song of praise and thanksgiving to God.*





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING CONTINUED

*In the words of the Great Thanksgiving we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Christ, in whom and through whom creation is restored in God's perfect likeness and all creation is united to God and each other. The consecratory prayer concludes with the Great AMEN.*

*By saying "Amen" here, we join our voices to everything the priest has just said on our behalf in the Great Thanksgiving. It is the only "Amen" in the whole Prayer Book printed in CAPS because it is the most important!*

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

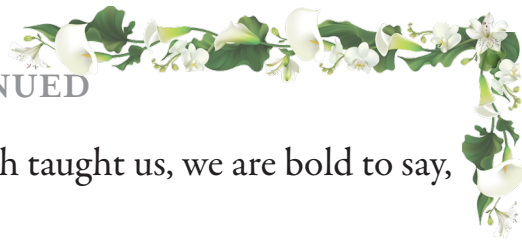
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*Celebrant*  
*& People* **AMEN.**





## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING CONTINUED

*The Lord's Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ's self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant* **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
*& People* **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 is primarily a utilitarian act. Bread is broken in order to be shared. Symbolically Christians have seen in the breaking of the bread a reminder of the Lord's body broken on the cross and of our own need to be broken in order both to share in the life of Christ and to share that life with others.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE 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.

## THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING ONLINE*

**Jesus, I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.**

**Lord Jesus, come dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom, and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom. Amen.**



## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee**  
*& People* **for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you for ever.

*Celebrant*  
*& People* **Amen.**





# HYMN 376

“Joyful joyful, we adore thee”

*Hymn to Joy*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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 Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

*Having heard the pronouncement of God's blessing upon us and all of creation, we are sent forth to be Christ in the world.*

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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





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The Rev. Mary-Lloyd Brainard, Deacon Emerita

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Ben Baldwin, Stuart Chandler,  
John Ong, Margaret Tyler

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Altar Guild: Norma Chandonnait, Alice Conger,  
Martha Merrill

Flower Guild: Anne Potter

*Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in donation from  
friends of the Altar Flower Fund.*

## **SERVING AT 8AM**

Intercessor: Candy Sanford  
Lector: Gill Millsom & Candy Sanford  
Ushers: Tom & Candy Sanford

## **SERVING AT 10AM**

Acolyte: Emilia Leeming  
Intercessor: Martha Merrill  
Lectors: Courtenay McKelvy & Peggy Vermilya  
Minister of Communion: Juliet Hodge  
Ushers: Jim & Lori Taylor  
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