



CHRIST  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite I and II  
with Litany of Healing

April 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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### Announcements

### **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation .....	BCP 323
Gloria .....	BCP 324
Collect of the Day.....	Insert
First Reading .....	Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30.....	Insert
Second Reading.....	1 John 4:7-21
Gospel.....	John 15:1-8
Homily.....	Fr. Daniel
The Nicene Creed.....	BCP 326
Litany of Healing.....	Insert
Peace.....	BCP 332

### **The Holy Communion**

#### Offertory

#### Presentation of Gifts and Doxology

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer II..... BCP 340

The Lord's Prayer .....

BCP 336

*Please tell an Usher if you need Communion brought to you.*

Post Communion Prayer .....

BCP 339

St. Francis Prayer .....

BCP 833

#### Blessing

Dismissal .....

BCP 339

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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### Announcements

### The Word of God

#### Prelude

Opening Hymn .....H 379

Opening Acclamation..... BCP 355

Gloria .....Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day.....Insert

First Reading .....Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30.....Insert

Second Reading..... 1 John 4:7-21

Sequence .....H 513

Gospel .....John 15:1-8

Homily .....Fr. Daniel

The Nicene Creed.....BCP 358

Litany of Healing.....Insert

Peace..... BCP 360

### The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem ... *Down to the Water to Pray'*

Presentation of Gifts .....H380, v.3

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer D ..... BCP 372

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*).....Hymnal S-130

The Lord's Prayer ..... BCP 364

Breaking of Bread..... Hymnal S-164

*Please tell an Usher if you need Communion brought to you.*

Communion ..... H 487, H 500, LEVAS 134

Post-Communion Prayer .....BCP 365

St. Francis Prayer .....BCP 833

#### Blessing

Processional into World .....H 529

Dismissal ..... BCP 366

#### Postlude

The Fifth Sunday of Easter with

Litany of Healing

## **The Collect of the Day**

### Rite I

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Rite II

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.*

## **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?" 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. (8:26-40)

**Psalm 22:24-30**

***Deus, Deus meus***

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of  
those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise  
him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and  
turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow  
before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow  
down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people  
yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## **A Reading from the first letter to 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. (4:7-21)

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

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."  
(15:1-8)



*All Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

### **Spiritual Communion for those Unable to Receive**

*For those watching the service on YouTube, the following prayer may be said during communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

## Private Prayers (BCP 833, 834)

*These may be said for your personal devotion before and after worship as prayers of preparation and thanksgiving.*

### *Before Worship*

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *After Worship*

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Serving Today**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Daniel Johnson, O.P.A.
<i>Pianist/Organist</i>	Hannah Massey
<i>Lectors</i>	Calib Garland (8:00) Logan Johnson (Acts) (10:30) Judi O'Neill (E) (10:30)
<i>Crucifer/Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Edd Houck (8:00)
<i>Crucifer/Chalice</i>	Penny Knepp (10:30)
<i>Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Bruce Adkins (10:30)
<i>Ushers</i>	Joseph L. Ilk (8:00) Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez (10:30)
<i>Streaming</i>	Jeff Massey (10:30)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	O'Neill Team

## **Additional Liturgies**

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday  
12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)

## **Online Services**

Tuesday through Friday  
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

## Online Resources

*Book of Common Prayer*

<https://www.bcponline.org/>

*Christ Church Website*

<http://www.christchurchspotsy.com/>

*Episcopal Church Resources*

<https://episcopalchurch.org/resource-library>

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## Hymnal Abbreviations

H = Hymnal 1982

LEVAS = Lift Every Voice and Sing

WLP = Wonder, Love, and Praise

## Announcements for this Sunday

**Welcome to Christ Church!** If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better. There is also a space for your prayer requests.

**The Altar Flowers** are given by Connie & Butch Hockaday in memory of his father, Louis Vernon Hockaday.



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**There will be no Celtic Eucharist this Wednesday, May 1.**

**As people of prayer**, we ask your prayers for Ashley, Bridget, Eun-tae, Ginger, Ha-young, Heather, In-sook, Jung-won, Shalmon, Ui-seop, Ye-young, Ann Bartels, Felix Bernal, Carol Byrne, Joyce Clark, Mary Beth Conrad, Steve Corum, The Cox Family, Margaret Curtis, **Debra Delarosa**, Alan Demascus, Liz DiRusso, Johnathan Doud, **Perry Duvall**, Calib Garland, Stacey Geary, Edd Houck, Ellen J. Ilk, **Donna Kenkel**, Nitinkumar Prabhakar Khandagale, Amy Kroeger, Daniel Leibmann, Hank Mausolf, Marjorie Mausolf, Thomas Moreland, Aliceanne Naylor, Joy Newlin, Ed O'Conner, Edo Osifo,

Patricia Oxendine, Tamairn Reinardson, Cindy Rooney, Nicole Sabella, Bob & Jan Savage, Ryan Scott, Janet Shipp, **Pauline Shofner**, Bunny Spiers, Claude St. Dennis, Samson Sunday, Mark Tallett, **Wesley Tallett**, Demetri Tavlarides, Sue Ann Thomas, Morgan Turrell, Robert Ulrich, The Uttankar Family, Crystal Vines, CJ Warren, Beth Womble, Gail Womble, Will Womble, Elaine Wyant. (New names added are bolded.)

If you would like to have your name or somebody else's name added to our published Prayer List, please contact our secretary, Denise, at [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com); for our unpublished Prayer Wheel, please contact Judi O'Neill at [judiandbob13@comcast.net](mailto:judiandbob13@comcast.net).

## **Serving next Sunday, May 5**

*Lectors* Joan Goodbody (8:00)  
Jeff Massey (OT) (10:30)  
Penny Knepp (E) (10:30)

*Litanist* Joseph L. Ilk (8:00)  
John Symonds (10:30)

*Crucifer/Acolyte/Chalice* Joseph L. Ilk (8:00)  
*Crucifer/Chalice* Linda Rooney (10:30)  
*Acolyte/Chalice* Werner Wieland (10:30)

*Ushers* Bob Truslow (8:00)  
Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez (10:30)

*Streaming* Susan Midland (10:30)

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<sup>1</sup> *Down to the Water to Pray*, by Pepper Choplin