



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& PARISH DAY SCHOOL**

*The Fifth Sunday
of Easter*

**11:00 A.M. SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Music pages can be found following page 7.

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *God is Love*

M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory be to God*

M-2

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *(Please be seated.)*

Acts 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM HYMN *New Songs of Celebration*

M-3

THE SECOND READING

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *In Christ There is No East or West (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)*

M-4

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand as you are able.)*

John 15:1-8

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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary Sulerud

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand.*)

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

(Adapted from *Sundays and Seasons, 2024 Year B* @2023, Augsburg Fortress.)

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Abide with us Risen Lord that we may always trust in your loving care and the hope of your calling by the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Love Ye the Lord*

Handel

Drew Carlson, soloist

Love ye the Lord, for his great mercy, and loving kindness to all his saints. Love ye the Lord for he is gracious, and will deliver your souls, and give you peace. For his great mercy, love ye the Lord, and he will deliver you from all fear, and give you rest to your souls.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *The Whole Bright World Rejoices*

Hilariter



1 The whole bright world re - joic - es now, Hi - lar - i - ter, —
2 Then shout be - neath the rac - ing skies, Hi - lar - i - ter, —
3 And all you liv - ing things make praise, Hi - lar - i - ter, —
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost— Hi - lar - i - ter, —



— hi - lar - i - ter! — The birds do sing on ev - ery bough, —
— hi - lar - i - ter! — To him who rose that we might rise, —
— hi - lar - i - ter! — He guid - eth you on all your ways, —
— hi - lar - i - ter! — Our God most high, our joy and boast. —



— Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —
— Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —
— Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —
— Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia! —

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

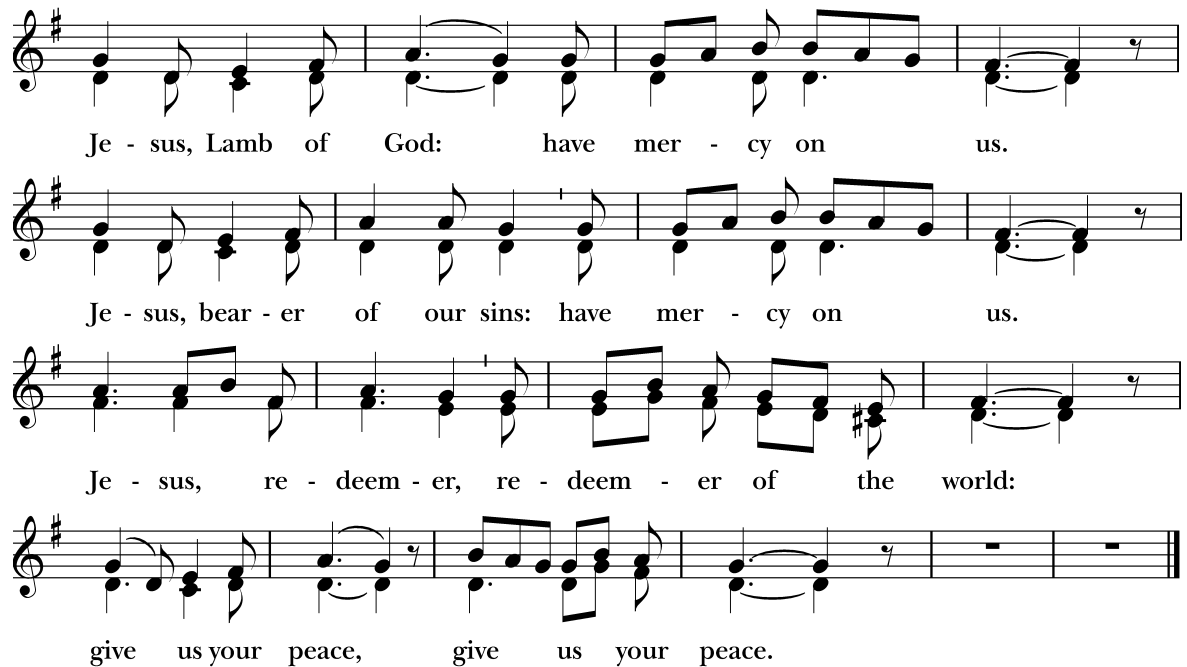
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)

FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God*

Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

*If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the Cup of Salvation. **When only one chalice bearer is present, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup.** If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The clergy will offer God's blessing to you. **If you would like to receive Communion, but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know.***

COMMUNION HYMNS *Many are the Light Beams*
I Come with Joy

M-5

M-6

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: Grant us grace to walk in his way; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *We Know That Christ is Raised*

M-7

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deb Avant, Jacyn Baker, Evelyn Bloom, Judi Bonig, Jim Bruce, Charlie Bryant, Amber Dawn Butler, Andrew Butler, Alyson Conover, The DelSesto Family, Dolores, Dominic, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Nancy Frazee, Diana Frizzell, Hope Goebel, Marti Guillet, Shawnee Holmberg, Jennifer Knox, Glenda Lovchik, George Maestri, Frederick Maples, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Mike Miller, Sarah Nelson & Roland Russoli, Kathy O'Dunne, Famebridge Payne, Jean Purcell, Ricky Reeves, Wallace Stebbins, Joni Tomka, Alicia Townsend, Eleanor Tyler, Dylan Williams, and Mickey Williams.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: *are given in loving memory of Teddy Osmond.*

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the Initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

HYMN OF PRAISE *All Glory be to God**Allein Gott in der Höh*

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



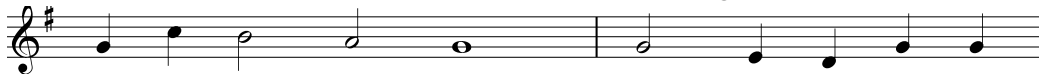
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

PSALM HYMN *New Songs of Celebration**Rendez à Dieu*

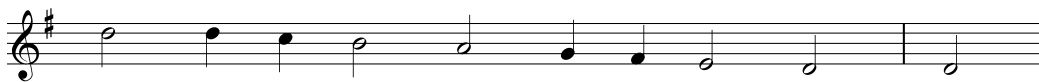
1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who
 2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
 3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the



has great won - ders done; awed by his love his
 in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of
 Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones look



foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.
 grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
 up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise his Name.



He has made known his great sal - va - tion which
 Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such
 Right - eous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais -



all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to
 sounds as make the hea - vens ring; all things that live in
 es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose



ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
 earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 truth vic - tor - ious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

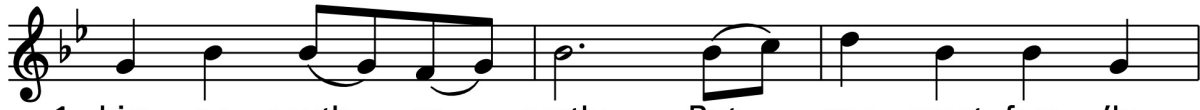
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GOSPEL HYMN *In Christ There is No East or West* (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)

McKee



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In



1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly
 2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
 3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
 4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are



1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
 4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

M-5

COMMUNION HYMN I *Many are the Lightbeams*



1. Man - y are the light - beams from the one
 2. Man - y are the branch - es of the one
 3. Man - y are the gifts giv'n; love is all
 4. Man - y ways to serve God; the Spir - it is
 5. Man - y are the mem - bers; the bod - y is



light. Our one light is Je - sus.
 vine. Our one vine is Je - sus.
 one. Love's the gift of Je - sus.
 one. Ser - vant Spir - it of Je - sus.
 one. Mem - bers all of Je - sus.



Man - y are the light - beams from the one
 Man - y are the branch - es of the one
 Man - y are the gifts giv'n; love is all
 Man - y ways to serve God; the Spir - it is
 Man - y are the mem - bers; the bod - y is



light. We are one in Christ.
 vine. We are one in Christ.
 one. We are one in Christ.
 one. We are one in Christ.
 one. We are one in Christ.

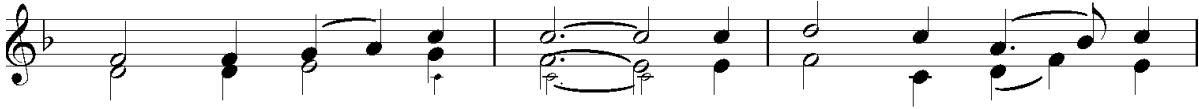
COMMUNION HYMN II *I Come with Joy*

M-6
Land of Rest

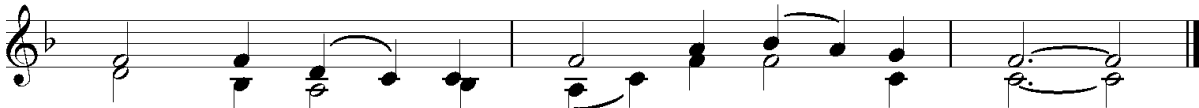
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

CLOSING HYMN *We Know That Christ is Raised*

M-7
Engelberg



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing
 3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with
 4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and



more. Em - braced by death, he broke its
 death. Re - born, we share with him an
 life. The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the
 grows As Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold, And our de - spair he turned to
 East - er life As liv - ing mem - bers of our
 Church of God. Bap - tized, we live with God the
 flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
 whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

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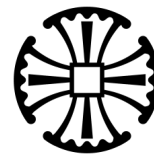
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