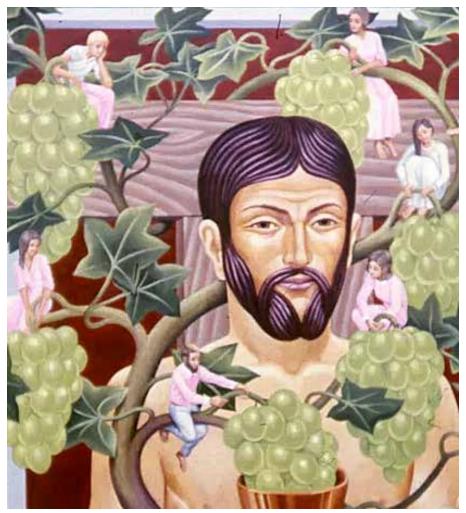
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



"Christ the Vine" by Peter Koenig, 20th c.

Sunday, April 28th 2024 10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

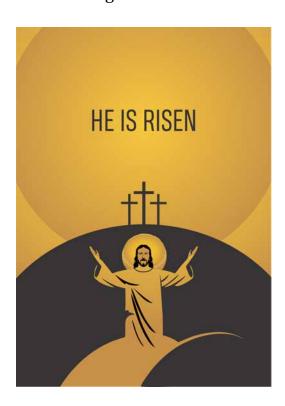
Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is printed in bold. This symbol & denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish.

Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

Easter is one of the great feast days of the Church – perhaps THE great feast day – on which we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. According to many scholars, it is likely the oldest of the annual Christian celebrations. Easter marks the end of the season of Lent, with its emphasis on penitence, and also begins its own season, which lasts for 50 days (until the Feast of Pentecost).

During this time, we try to recreate some of the joy of that first Easter: you will see the church decorated more elaborately than usual, and we will bring back abundant "Alleluia"s, which were suppressed during Lent. The liturgical color is white, reflecting the common tradition of baptisms being held on Easter Sunday or at the Easter Vigil, and the Paschal candle will burn throughout the season as a symbol of the risen Christ and a reminder of his light in the world.



Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

Prelude

Cornet Voluntary
Georg Berg (1730-1775)



Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant XAlleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 worthly magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria • *Hymnal '82* #S-278



The Collect of the Day

BCP p.224

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson • A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

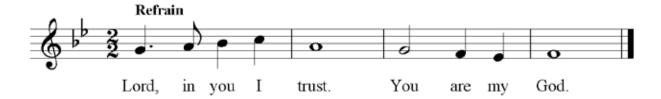
Acts 8:26-40

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 Psalm 22:24-30



I come with praise before the Lord, Release me from all strife; The poor will feast at tables full And find eternal life. *Refrain by all*

The far flung corners of the earth Shall turn to God and sing; And nations of the world shall rise To hail the Lord as King. *Refrain by all*

The mighty on their knees will bow; As mortals, they discern That, as from dust God gave them breath, To dust they shall return. *Refrain by all*

Descendants of the coming years Who walk the paths well trod Will sing to children yet unborn The mighty acts of God. *Refrain by all*

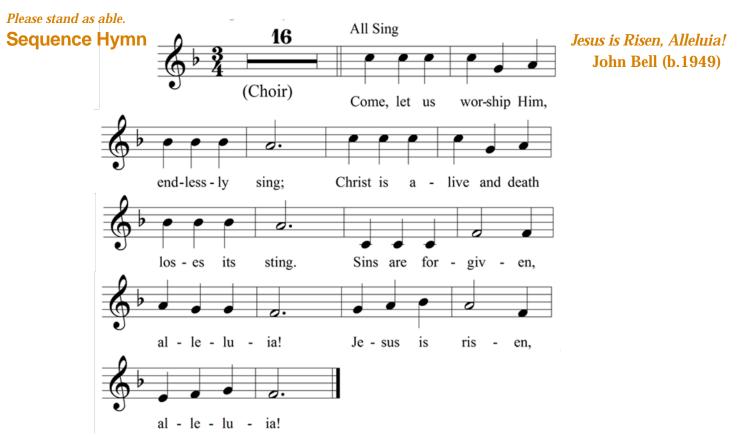
The Second Lesson • A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

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.



- 1. Jesus is risen, alleluia! Worship and praise Him alleluia! Now our Redeemer bursts from the grave: lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save. Refrain by all
- 2. Buried for three days, destined for death, now He returns to breath with our breath. Blest are the ears alert to his voice, blest are the hearts which for him rejoice! *Refrain by all*
- 3. "Don't be afraid!" the angel had said. "Why seek the living here with the dead? Look, where he lay, his body is gone, risen and vibrant, warm with the sun." Refrain by all
- 4. "Go and tell others, Christ is alive!" Love is eternal, faith and hope thrive. What God intended, Jesus fulfilled; what God conceives can never be killed. Refrain by all
- 5. Let heaven echo, let the earth sing: Jesus is Saviour of everything.

All those who trust him, Christ will receive; therefore rejoice, obey and believe! *Refrain by all*

The Gospel John 15:1-8

XThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Deacon Glory to you, Lord Christ. **People**

[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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon Deacon Bill Rimkus

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed BCP p.358

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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.

XWe look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people—for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership. Pray for God's church.

People (all silent)

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice. Pray for justice and peace.

People (all silent)

We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help. Pray for those who suffer around the world.

People (all silent)

We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home. Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

People (all silent)

X We pray for those who have died.

People Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.

Additional intercessions are offered and then the Deacon adds a concluding collect:

Deacon God of mercy, you have redeemed us and bestowed the Spirit upon us, giving us a new birth. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Wake Every Breath William Billings (1746-1800)

Wake ev'ry breath and ev'ry string, To bless the great Redeemer King. His name through ev'ry clime adored! Let joy, and gratitude, and love, Through all the notes of music move, And "Jesus" sound on ev'ry chord.

The Doxology • Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p.367

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 *S-125



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. X Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung

Fraction Anthem

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

NOTE: The first line is repeated (i.e., sung twice).



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.

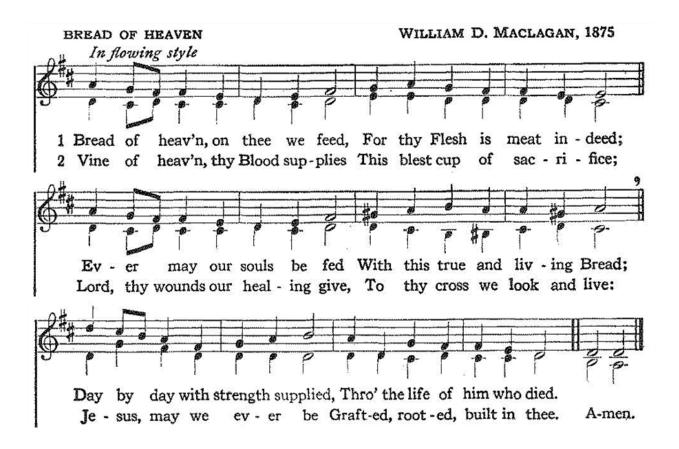
This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion.

We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the altar rail. The cup can then be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Music

Suite du deuxieme ton - Flutes Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749)





Prayer after Communion

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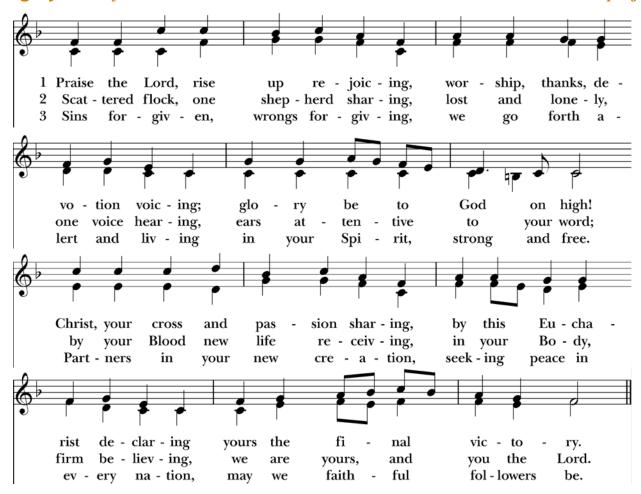
All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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 X



The Dismissal BCP p.366

Deacon People Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Festival Finale Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, April 28th

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:15am, Formation: Embracing Evangelism

Sunday, May 5th with Seek & Find

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 11:15am, Formation: Embracing Evangelism

Birthdays: Isabel Noth, Rev. Dave, T.J. O'Neill

Anniversaries: We wish Linda & Larry Brongel a very Happy 26th Wedding Anniversary

In our prayers: Lynn, Sharon, Doug, John, Linda, Becky, Bette, Julie, Natalie, Mark & Edie, Kathryn, Evander, Paul, Helen, Kim, Mary Fran, Jim, John and Colleen, Laura, Jim, Mary, Janice, Jeff, Kurt, Mike and Renee, Molly and Jim, and Steve

Formation: Embracing Evangelism

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? Our baptismal covenant calls us to share our faith with others - in a word, to evangelize. But that's often easier said than done! Join us as we explore our call to seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people – and then invite everyone to more. To learn more about this series from The Episcopal Church, visit www.episcopalchurch.org/embracing-evangelism/

Hinsdale Chorale Spring Concert concludes this afternoon, April 28th at 3pm.

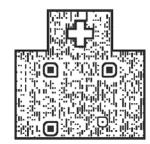
Antiphonal Celebration and Dedication Concert

Please join us on **Sunday**, **May** 5th **at** 3**pm** as we celebrate the completion of our Pipe Organ Restoration Project final stage, the antiphonal division. John Sherer will lead us through a program to demonstrate the range of sound now available to us. All are welcome to attend this free concert, and any donations will be gratefully accepted. A reception will be held after the concert in Beaudway.

The LT Madrigal Farewell Concert will be here again on Monday, May 20th.

Calling All Emmanuel HS Seniors - Time to Apply for a Scholarship Award from the George and Annie Christian Memorial Scholarship Fund

If you or your child will be graduating from high school this year and wish to apply for a scholarship award from the George and Annie Christian Memorial Scholarship Fund, please let Rev. Dave (revdave@eeclg.org) or Marc O'Brien (neirbocram51@gmail.com) know and you will be sent an application by email. **The due date for submitting the application is Friday, May 3, 2024**.





Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)

at 8:00pm Compline (online)

Sundays at 8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music)

at 10:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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