

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Austin, Texas*



True Vine, Sadao Watanabe, 1979

Hymn We walk by faith, and not by sight

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

4. that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

The Gloria S280

The Hymnal 1982

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

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.**

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn The Light of Christ

The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.

All men must be born again to see the kingdom of God;
The water and the spirit bring new life in God's love.

The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.

God gave up His only Son out of love for the world,
So that all men who believe in Him will live forever.

The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.

The light of God has come to us so that we might have
salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we walk into glory with
Christ Jesus.

The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.

Priest

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

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Newton

The Nicene Creed (*said 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.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People for Eastertide

(The People say the bolded responses)

Alleluia! What was dead now lives; what was dark now shines in glory; what was forgotten will now be remembered forever; for Christ is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God all of our needs and all the needs of the world, asking God for renewal, and saying Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

God of hope, in gratitude and joy we praise you for the gift of Christ's presence in the world. In this Easter Season, sustain us, we pray, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

God of justice, as we honor the gift of Christ's presence in the world, may we seek to serve all those whom the world has despised and forgotten, those who hunger and thirst and have no place to lay their heads, remembering always that every human being is made in your image, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

God of compassion, look with loving-kindness upon all who are sick and weary, troubled and discouraged, sorrowful and afraid; keep their hearts mindful that Christ overcame pain and humiliation on the cross, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

God of life, grant that all your servants who have died, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice with him in eternal glory, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

O God of all that was and is and is to come; we praise you for your Christ's death which has saved us from death and for his resurrection which has restored us to life. Grant these our prayers through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

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Offertory Hymn We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration.

Lift up a shout of praise

For the Bridegroom will come,

The glorious One.

And oh, we will look on His face.

We'll go to a much better place.

And dance with all your might.

Lift up your hands and clap for joy,

The time's drawing near

When He will appear.

And oh, we will stand by His side.

A strong, pure spotless bride.

Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden,

The glorious bride and the great Son of man.

From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation

Will join in the song of the Lamb.

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near.

(Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near.)

The risen King, our Groom, is soon to appear.

(The risen King, our Groom, is soon to appear.)

The wedding feast to come is now near at hand.
(The wedding feast to come is now near at hand.)
Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb.
(Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb.)

Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden,
The glorious bride and the great Son of man.
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
Will join in the song of the Lamb.

The Doxology (*all sing*)

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

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*all sing*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power, of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory

Hosannah in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosannah in the highest, hosannah in the highest.

The Celebrant then 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,
(sung in unison twice through)

**We remember His death,
we proclaim His resurrection,
we await His coming in glory.**

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. 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 Michael and 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.**

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (*sung in unison*)

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant then says

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 Hymn Whom Shall I Fear

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song,
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet,
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save.
You will deliver me, Yours in the victory.
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

And nothing formed against me shall stand,
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises,
You are faithful, You are faithful.

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Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

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

The Celebrant blesses the People, and the People respond with "Amen."

Closing Hymn Wind, Wind, Blow on Me

Wind, wind, blow on me,
Wind, wind, set me free.
Wind, wind my Father sent
The blessed Holy Spirit.

Jesus told us all about You,
How we could not live without You.
With His blood the power bought
To help us live the life He taught.

Wind, wind, blow on me,
Wind, wind, set me free.
Wind, wind my Father sent
The blessed Holy Spirit.

When we're weary You console us.
When we're lonely You enfold us.
When in danger You uphold us,
Blessed Holy Spirit.

Wind, wind, blow on me,
Wind, wind, set me free.
Wind, wind my Father sent
The blessed Holy Spirit.

When unto the church You came,
It was not in Your own but in Jesus' name.
Jesus Christ is still the same.
He sends the Holy Spirit.

Wind, wind, blow on me,
Wind, wind, set me free.
Wind, wind my Father sent
The blessed Holy Spirit.

Set us free to love each other;
Set us free to live for others
That the world the Son might see
And Jesus's name exalted be.

Wind, wind, blow on me,
Wind, wind, set me free.
Wind, wind my Father sent
The blessed Holy Spirit.

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

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