



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, 2 May 2021 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Pensacola, Florida • Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

### Worship Information

*Masks must be worn while you are in the church covering both nose and mouth.*

*Please sit in the designated seating.*

*Please keep a minimum of six feet between you and others present (except those you arrive with), especially when entering and exiting the church, when approaching to receive the Eucharist, and in the courtyard.*

*If you attend worship and are later diagnosed with COVID-19, notify the church (or a member of the clergy) immediately so that we can take the necessary steps to protect others from the spread of the virus.*

*Please continue to mail in your offerings, make them online, or text GIVE to 850-403-6673 (the first time will have a quick, one-time registration).*

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### The Prelude

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### Welcome

*(The People stand)*

### Processional Hymn: 296 – *We know that Christ is raised*

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. 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 worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **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.**

*(The People may be seated)*

### The Lesson — 1 John 4:7-21

*Reader* 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.**

*(The People stand)*

### The Gospel — John 15:1-8

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

*People* **Glorify 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. Katie Gillett*

*Silence may be kept.*

**The Nicene Creed** *(The People 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.**

**Prayers of the People — Form III**

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
*(The People kneel)*  
*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all the holy people of God;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for prisoners and captives and all who care for them; and for this city and the people who live here;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Reader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray this day for all those suffering from the coronavirus, or any other illness; for those who worry about their families and friends, and about their jobs and livelihoods; and for all those at the forefront of our health care and public safety systems;

*People* **That they may be protected from sickness, or restored to health, by your grace and compassion.**

We pray for the sick and hospitalized in our parish and community, (especially ...) and those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.

*Silence*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died (especially...). Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Reader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.*

**Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through

our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace** *(All stand)*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Remaining in place, greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

### **Announcements**

#### **10:30 - Offertory Anthem — Hymn 439**

*What wondrous love is this*

*Pam Nichols, Kay Mitchell, Alice Patterson, Danny Lyons*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*While the Celebrant is saying the Eucharistic prayers, the elements to be consumed by the people will remain covered.*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

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*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

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.

### **Prayer for Mission**

*Celebrant and People*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor of your name. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

The God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Instructions**

### **The Communion and Time of Prayer**

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### Receiving Communion

*This is a quiet time for prayer before receiving communion. Please come forward, when you are ready – wearing masks and keeping at least six feet distance – to receive communion in one kind (wafer only) in the hand. Then, exit the church through the side door into the courtyard. Once outside, you may briefly remove your mask to consume the sacrament. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, place one arm across your chest. If you come forward and do not wish to receive communion, please fold both arms across your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing.*

*Please take this bulletin home with you.*

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**Postlude** Paul Miller, organ

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