

CHRIST CHURCH

The Episcopal Church in Manlius, since 1805

Transforming ourselves and our community through the unconditional love of Jesus Christ



A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop
The Rev. Timothy R. Hannon, Rector

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The service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, Expansive Language version.
Music is found in the blue *Hymnal* or in the green *Wonder Love and Praise* (WLP).

Please observe a time of silence for reflection and preparation for worship prior to the prelude.

Prelude: *Praeludium in C* Krebs

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: 379 *God is Love, let heaven adore him* ABBOT'S LEIGH
The people stand as able. Verses 1&3

Salutation *The people stand, as able.*

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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.

Glory to God (*Gloria in excelsis*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: 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 Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 *The people sit.*

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ³¹ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² 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.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?’ ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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.

Psalm 22:24-30 *Read responsively.*

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Reader: A Reading from the first letter of John.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Timothy R. Hannon *The people sit.*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Leader: Let us pray to God, asking for grace to drink the cup which God offers us. With Christ our Savior, we hear the call. With him we answer; your will be done.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Make us strong with the faith of Abraham and Sarah.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Make us bold with the courage of Moses, the leader of your people.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Enlighten us with the wisdom of Samuel, ruler and judge over Israel.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Give us the spirit of discernment and decision that we may work in your service with the authority of the great king David.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Make us alive, as you did Isaiah the prophet, with a sense of your holy presence.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Shape us, even as you made Mary, mother of our Lord, as a perfect instrument in your hands.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Give us, as you gave to John the Baptist, a love of poverty and self-effacement in our labors for the spread of your kingdom.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Transform us, even as you transformed Mary Magdalene, fitting her to be a witness to your resurrection.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Make us great-hearted, like Paul that we may serve your people with steadfastness and courage.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Leader: Let us pray, giving thanks to God for having chosen us for a special role and vocation in the Church.

People: God, we pray that your will be done in us.

Concluding Prayer

The Peace

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements *The people sit.*

The Holy Communion

If you are led by your faith and your conscience to receive the Holy Eucharist, you are welcome. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an x. If you are not baptized, you are invited to speak with the Rector about baptism. Please inform an usher if you need to have the Sacrament brought to you in the pew or if you need a gluten free wafer.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Instrumental: *Fugue in C* by Pachelbel

Great Thanksgiving *The people stand.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift 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.

The Celebrant continues: The people remain standing.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

Sanctus:

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

The Celebrant continues: The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious God: 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 creator and of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us, we are bold to say:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily break, 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, the power, and the glory, now and forever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Instrumental: *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* arr. Carter

Post Communion Prayer *The people may stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God,

**you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: 457 *Thou art the Way, to thee alone*
Verses 1&4

ST. JAMES

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: *Thou art the Way, to Thee Alone* arr. Krapf
The people sit.

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**We hope that you feel welcome at Christ Church,
and will return to visit or worship with us in the future.**