

# I Am the True Vine

John 15:1-8

## **EASTER 5**

*May 2, 2021 9am*

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Thank you for joining our community in worship today.  
Morning Prayer - pages 76 - 100

*Officiant* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 228:24*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed. Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**



# Christ Our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

DIADEMATATA

I Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; I Corinthians 15:20-22

1. Alleluia! Our Lord  
And Savior Jesus Christ  
Is now our Passover indeed  
And has been sacrificed;  
So let us keep the feast  
No more with enmity  
But with the new unleavened bread  
Of true sincerity.
2. Christ being raised from death  
Will never die again,  
For he has died to death and sin  
And now death cannot reign;  
The life that he now lives,  
He lives to God on high,  
So also you are dead to sin  
Through Christ eternally.
3. The first fruits of the grave  
Is Christ our living head,  
For since by one came death, by one  
Came new life from the dead;  
For as in Adam all  
Must die under the law,  
So now shall all be made alive  
In Christ. Alleluia.

Words: *A New Metrical Psalter*; Christopher L. Webber  
Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1894)

## Psalm 22:24-30



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as- | ssembly; \*  
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 be- | fore 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 be- | fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall | serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD’s for | ever.

## The First Lesson

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.

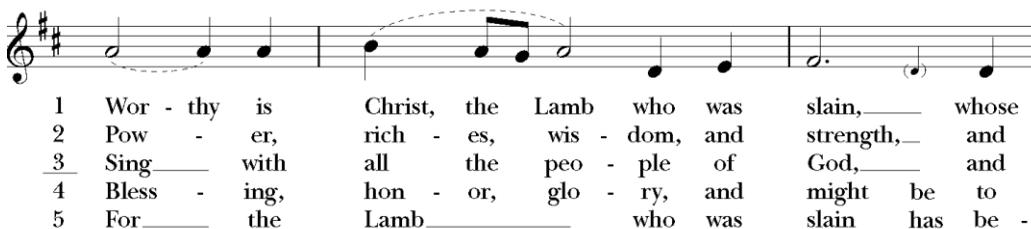
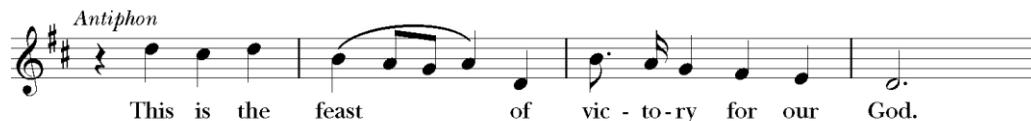
People

Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise 473

This is the Feast of Victory of our God

FESTIVAL CANTICLE





1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]  
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]  
 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



*Final Antiphon*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Words: Revelation 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980)  
 Music *Festival Canticle*, Richard Hillert (1923-2010)

## The Second Lesson

*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.**

*People*

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

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.  
 Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

### The Third Lesson

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 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 Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Let us now pray in the words our Lord taught us:

**O UR 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 Collect of the Day**

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 of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O GOD, THE KING ETERNAL, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Peace**

O GOD, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Grace**

LORD GOD, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Guidance**

HEAVENLY FATHER, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People – Form IV**

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Paula our Bishop-Elect, for all priests, and deacons. *Silence*  
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for all those essential workers, putting their lives at risk, that they may be kept safe. *Silence*  
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Help us to look for ways to reach out and connect. *Silence*  
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*  
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

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. Especially, we pray for those on our prayer list.

*Petitions are offered aloud or in silence.*

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, remembering especially those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week; additionally, we give thanks for our community of Trinity and the technology that allows us to gather from home. *Silence*

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us for failing to love you, O God, with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, and for failing to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those who have lost their lives to Covid-19, gun violence, and their loved ones, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

**Solo**

Aria II *from* Kline Kammermusik  
Guy Stephens, *oboe*

*Georg Philipp Telemann*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Brothers and Sisters, remember that life is short and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you now and always. **Amen.**

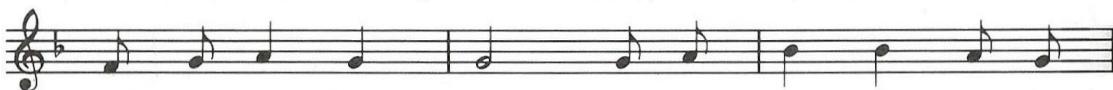
## Closing Hymn 513

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

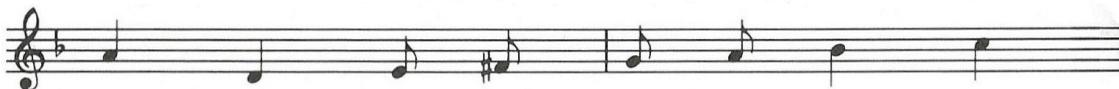
BRIDEGROOM



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
sign: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
pare: come, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)  
Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

## The Dismissal

*Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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✠ **This week we pray for** ✠

**Our parish friends in need:** Elaine, Traci, Holton, Cecil, Jerry, Bridget, McKenna, Connie, Char, Mary, Arlene, Eben, Judy, Amy, Mike, Elsa, Chuck, Abby, Maureen, Debi, Rita, Shirley, Carol, Ann, Marion, Ryan, Vicki, Cassandra, Hannelore, Janet, Dolores, Nancy, Joe, Mother Debra, Tammy, Fr. Tom, Eileen, Steve, Darlene, Susie, Robert, Sr., Carol, Bob, Kevin, Val, Chireen, Rick, Sr. Jean, Andrew David, Richard, Kenneth, Maryann, Trish, Gary, Mark, Michael, Eleanor, Elizabeth, William (in Afghanistan), Danielle, Rob L., Betty, Jane, Edelma, Sandy, Carol, Diana, Virg, Don, Tom, Maidell, Dick, Nan, Rosie, Alvin, nieces, ages 18 & 22, of a friend of Trinity, Fr. Jim, Maria, Susan, Georgia, Bobbie, Diane, Thomas, Joyce, Wanda, Cathie, Irene, Millie, Cecilia, Andrea, Robert, Dan, Joseph, Wally, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Kris, Connor, Anne, James, Roberta, Bryan, Brianna, John, Bill, Rose, Talon, Taylor, Ty, Linda J, Malcolm, Isaac, Rodney, Leo, Ted, Denise, Lauren, Greg, Nicholas, Andrew, Dennis, & those suffering from Covid-19.

✠ **The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God** ✠

In Loving Memory of James Athos

**Birthdays and Anniversaries this week**

Hannah Stephens,

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.*

**THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP ONLINE @ ZOOM**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3889192038>

**OR JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AURORA, IL GROUP**

MORNING PRAYER 9AM – EVENING PRAYER 7PM

MONDAY-THURSDAY

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**It is our hope to have a Brass Quintet** for our first celebration when we return to public worship in the church building. The cost is \$750.00. If you would like to make a donation to the Music, please write a check and mark Easter Brass in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

**Sanctuary Candle** 2021 Sanctuary Candle Sign-Up is now available. Please contact Fr. Denzil if there are special dates which you would like to have the candle lit in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. Donation for the candle is \$5.

‡ SERVING TODAY ‡

Lector – Lesson 1: TBA

Lector – Lesson 2: TBA

Intercessor: TBA

‡ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ‡

Lector – Lesson 1: TBA

Lector – Lesson 2: TBA

Intercessor: TBA



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**Vestry**

Marilou Clohessy, *Sr. Warden*; Ken Adam, *Jr. Warden*; Thomas Herget, *Treasurer*;  
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