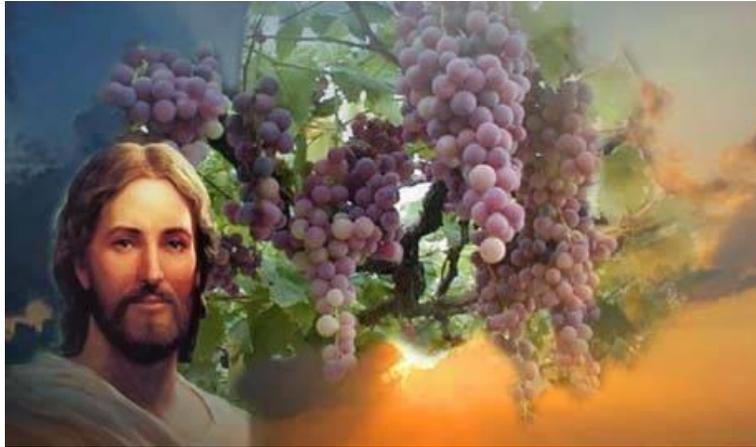


Holy Eucharist Rite II



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4 pm Saturday, May 1, 2021

10am Sunday, May 2, 2021

St. Luke's on the Hill

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The Liturgy of the Word

Processional

At the Lamb's High

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The Acclamation

BCP p.355

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP p.355

Gloria in Excelsis

BCP p 356

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

The People are seated.

The First Lesson- 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. (8:26-40)

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

Psalm 22:24-30

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 forever!"

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 forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson - 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. (4:7-21)

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

The People stand.

Sequence Hymn When I survey the Wondrous Cross 474

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.** *People:* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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." (15:1-8)

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

The Sermon – *Deacon Lynne Curtis*

The Nicene Creed <i>The People stand.</i>	BCP p.358
The Prayers of the People Form IV Response: “ Lord, hear our prayer ”	BCP p.388
The Confession of Sin and Absolution <i>The People kneel.</i>	BCP p.360
The Peace	BCP p.360

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn	Be Thou My Vision 488
The Great Thanksgiving	BPC p.361
Eucharistic Prayer	BCP p.362
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP p.364
Breaking of the Bread and Prayer of Humble Access	BCP p.365
The Prayer after Communion <i>The People kneel.</i>	BCP p.366
The Blessing & Dismissal	
Recessional	Lead on, O King Eternal 555

Weekly Announcements

Please turn off all cell phones. Please wear name tags.

THE PARISH SURVEY – Please remember to fill out your PARISH SURVEY and return it by May 9th. There will be printed forms on the table in the Narthex.

Follow Me – A dynamic video study about how we can better follow Jesus in our daily lives with discussion afterwards on Thursdays 7:00-8:30 via zoom. Please email Deacon Lynne so she can send you a zoom invitation if you are interested.

St. Martha’s Guild , May 3rd 4:30 Meets in person or Zoom (Contact Tara Morelli 518-577-7772 for Zoom link)

Library Resources – Please check out the available books **in the Library**. There is a sign out sheet to be completed for checkouts. There are FREE paperback Bibles if you would like one.



Food Pantry –**Items needed:** coffee, microwave shelf stable meals for seniors, soups, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, cereal, tuna fish, canned meat and kid snacks. Thank you, Carrie/MACSC

Madagascar Missions offerings can be given any weekend.

During this time, we are not designating a particular time for this.

**Loose Plate Offering today/1st Sunday
Discretionary Fund**

**If anyone needs pastoral help, please call
Deacon Lynne Curtis – (518) 852-2079
Email: dcnlynn@gmail.com**

COVID Protocol

Please wear a mask while inside & for the entire service.

- Masks are recommended for ages 2 & older.
- Contact information will be requested from visitors.
- Services will be Simulcast/Broadcast to Facebook & 89.5FM
- Nursery is available for parents use.
- Dress appropriately as windows may be slightly opened at times for air circulation.
- Blue Song Book will now be used for Sunday 10 am Service

Additional ushers are needed, please contact Tara if you can help.