

The Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

The Liturgy of the Word

This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

C. This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love: that You would take my place; that You would bear my cross. You would lay down your life, that I might be set free. Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

2. Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son or daughter? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance. The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

B. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us pray

All 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 Summary of the Law

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Way Maker

1. You are here, moving in our midst. I worship You; I worship You.

You are here, working in this place. I worship You; I worship You.

C: You are, Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.

My God, that is who You are.

2. You are here, turning lives around, I worship You; I worship You.

You are here, mending every heart. I worship You; I worship You.

T. That is who You are

B. Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working. You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant 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 glory; 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.

All Amen.

The Lessons

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with 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 before its shearer is silent, so he opens not 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 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 66:1-8

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

² Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; *

through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.

³ For all the world shall worship you, *

sing to you, and praise your Name."

⁴ O come and see the works of God, *

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; *

therefore in him let us rejoice.

⁶ He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; *

let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

⁷ Bless our God, you peoples, *

and make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸ Who holds our soul in life, *

and does not allow our feet to slip.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1 John 3:18-24

¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Gospel John 14:15-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you Lord Christ

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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 for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Leader For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For Foley, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

People
 Leader **Hear our prayer.**
 For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

People
 Leader **Hear our prayer.**
 For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

People
 Leader **Hear our prayer.**
 For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially President Biden, Governor Beshear and the Mayors of the Bluegrass. Lord, in your mercy:

People
 Leader **Hear our prayer.**
 For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

People
 Leader **Hear our prayer.**
 For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People
 Leader **Hear our prayer.**
 Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(As we pause in silence all are invited to offer silent petitions and intercessions or pray out loud with those gathered together.)

Leader Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Sursum Corda

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

All **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 Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.

All AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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.

Fraction

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People grant us your peace.

Celebrant 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.

The Ministration of Communion

Every Table is an Altar

1. Every table is an altar, every breath is a gift from you Every moment is a treasure, every day is a kiss from you

T: So let our hearts Be awake, be awake (x2)

C: Break the bread, pour the wine. Let our hearts, come alive in your presence, in your presence Let our fear, fall away. Let our faith, rise today in your presence, in your presence, Jesus.

2. Every stranger has a story, every story's being told by you, We're all children on a journey, Jesus only you can

lead us through.

B: We will shout your name, King of glory. We will stand and sing, You are holy. We will pour out praise; You are worthy of our lives, now and forever.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Goodness of God

1. I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head. I will sing of the goodness of God.

C. All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

2. I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest nights You are close like no other. I've known You as a father; I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God

B. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything. Your goodness is running after me, it's running after me.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

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