

Fifth Sunday of Easter

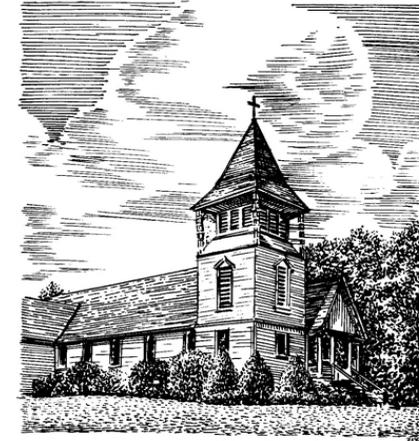
at ten o'clock

Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time

Prelude: Variation on <i>Christ ist erstanden</i>	J. S. Bach
Hymn 457	Thou art the Way, to thee alone
Penitential Order	Prayer Book page 351
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	Hymnal S-280
Collect and Scripture	see insert
Hymn 529	stz. 1-2 before & stz. 3 after the Gospel
Sermon	“Drawing life in the Vine”
Christ our Passover	Prayer Book page 83
Prayers of the People – Form 6	Prayer Book page 392
Collect for Thursday in Holy Week, Blessings, and The Peace	Prayer Book page 221
Announcements and Parish Celebrations	Wardens and Parish Leaders
Hymn 512	Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove
The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A	Prayer Book page 361
<i>Sanctus</i> and <i>Benedictus</i>	Hymnal S-129
During Communion	Communion Hymns
Thanksgiving after Communion	Prayer Book page 836
Hymn 344	Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing
Postlude: <i>Tuba Tune</i>	C. S. Lang

Please maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Sunday, May 6, 2012



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Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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Prayers

In Our Prayers: Barbara Maggio, Laura Munson, Dotti Zebrowski, Marie Papp, Clare Simpson, Sue Demay, Alice Bezdjian, Gary Hoag, Jeff Friedman, Nick Gray, Gloria Brower, Chic Woehrlé, for those who have died Syina Hemraj, Jyoti Dass' Mom.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

The Absent Guest Plate is a second offering received at the choir steps each week. It is immediately given away for charitable purposes – today to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**, which is a fund currently maintained by our Wardens, available for pastoral emergencies.

Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry, Scott Bartholf.

Gifts have been received in memory of Dorothy Grefrath and Thomas Garibaldi.

Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Jan Simpson, Elizabeth Craig

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Dziemian

Financial Steward: Dave Dziemian

Acolytes: Ben Corrado, Zachary Olsen

Handbells: Ginny Baird, Teagan Bellitto, Kathiann Krott, Elizabeth Craig

Coming Parish Events

Today- The first quarter statements are on the desk in the hall near the Center Street entrance. We will be collecting diapers size 2, 3, 4, 5; wipes; similar advance or new baby items up to size 4T for North Porch our annual Mother's day collection.

Mon 07 May @ 7:30 pm – Vestry Meeting

Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

5/9=Dunstan of Canterbury

5/16=Pachomius

5/23=Alcuin

Note about Today's Scripture Readings

During the Sundays of the Easter season, our attention is directed to the results in our lives of Jesus' dying and rising: the results of Baptism and Eucharist. The Gospel reading today describes our life in Christ. That life is characterized by our love for Jesus as the ground of our faithfulness. We are as intimately bound up in the life of the risen Jesus as the branches of a plant, drawing our new life directly from him.

Like a vine growing new branches, the early Church began to spread beyond Jerusalem almost immediately, bound together in Christ's love and led by the Spirit. In today's reading from Acts, Philip, one of the seven ordained with Stephen, preaches the Gospel to an official of the Queen of Ethiopia. This preaching was prompted by the official's reading of the "Suffering Servant" passage from Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The Ethiopian is converted and baptized on the spot.

Today's reading from First John carries on his theme of our share in God's self-giving love (*agape*). We are to reflect in our own living and ministry that same love which was manifested to us in Jesus' dying and rising. This is the life he shares with us.

We, the People of God, gather in Eucharist to remember and share the story of God's love for us. Our actions in Eucharist are a liturgical expression of self-giving love toward God and others. As we receive Holy Communion, God implants in us Jesus' own life and equips us to extend the divine love to all people in concrete actions of ministry and proclamation.

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Scripture Readings for the Next Three Sundays

5/13 Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1st John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

5/20 Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26, Psalm 1, 1st John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

5/27 **Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:25-35 & 37b, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 7:30 pm

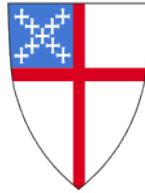
Wed 09 May – Jesus' Resurrection Appearances in Mark

Wed 16 May – Jesus' Resurrection Appearances in Luke

Wed 23 May – No session

Wed 30 May – TBA

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The Response: Psalm 22:24-30 – alternating at the asterisk

Prayer Book page 611

The Collect

**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 Old Testament 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 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 New Testament Lesson

1st 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 Gospel

John 15:1-8

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.”