

The Fifth Sunday of Easter 28 April 2024

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two 10 am

Ministers of the Service

Fr. David Bumsted Celebrant and Preacher

Deacon Carson Webb Deacon of the Eucharist

> Joseph Arndt Music Director

Zachary Malavolti Associate Music Director

> Clint Rataczak Lector

Janice Ingle and Susan Walker Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Organ Voluntary

Meditation on Down Ampney

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 516



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Opening Acclamation

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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*.





The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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 Reading Acts 8:26-40

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Gradual	Psalm 22:24-30 Sung by the Choir	Chant in G major	William Crotch (1775-1847)
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Glory to the Fat and to the H	ther, and to the Son, * oly Spirit:		
	beginning, is now, * or ever. Amen.		

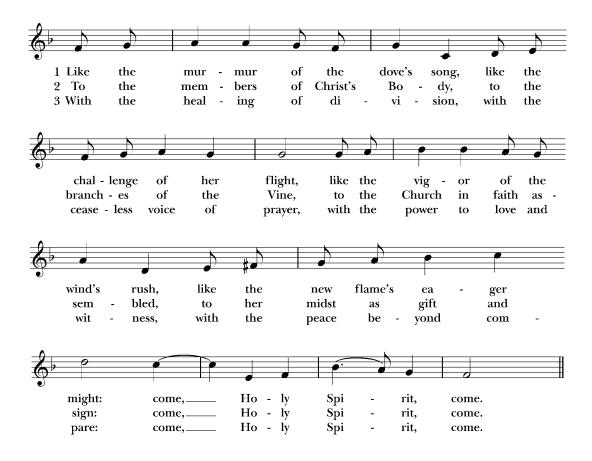
The Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Reader 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 513



The Gospel John 15:1-8

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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, Form II Please kneel.

A person appointed says

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Exchange of Peace *Please stand.*

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Michael Bedford (b.1949)

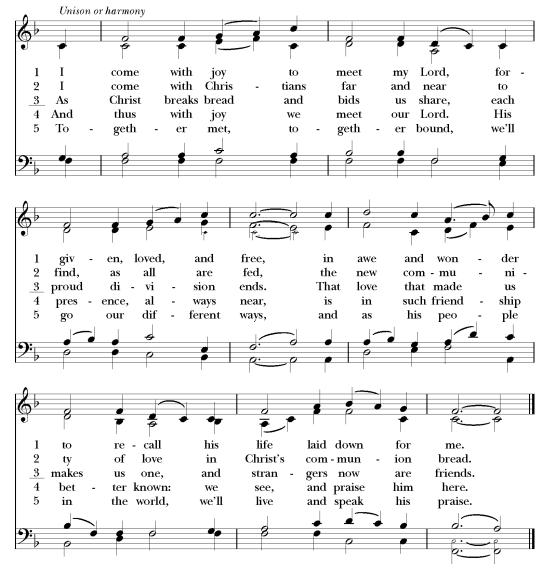
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath: such a Truth as ends all strife: such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast: such a Feast as mends in length: such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move: such a Love as none can part: such a Heart as joys in love.

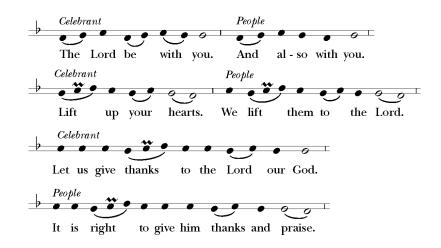
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Presentation Hymn 304



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The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B Please remain standing.



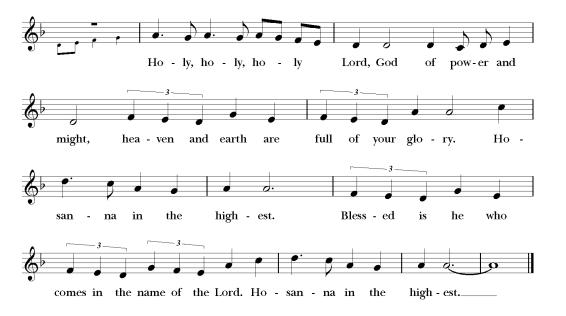
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus et benedictus, Hymnal S129



The people kneel.

Robert J. Powell

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN*.

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

People and Celebrant

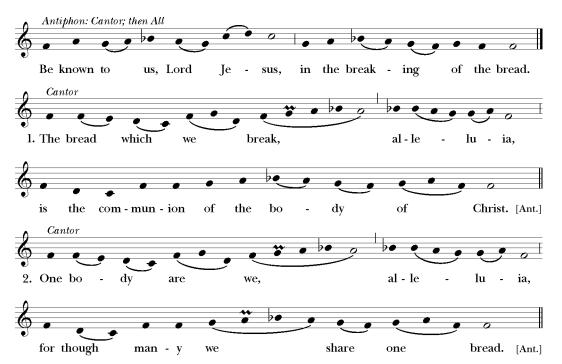
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem, Hymnal S171

Mason Martens



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please approach the Celebrant with arms crossed over one's chest.

Communion Anthem Agnus Dei

Zachary Malavolti

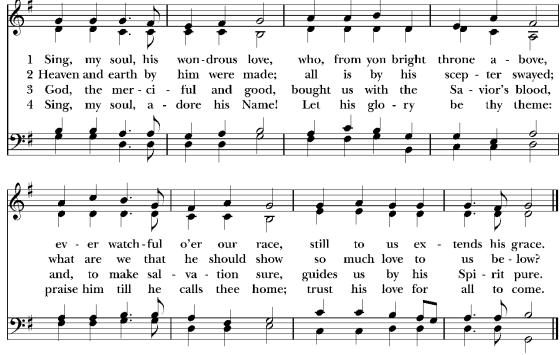
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Hymn 467



Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: St. Bees, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal



Please join us for Choral Evensong today at 5:30 pm.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

HAPPENING TODAY

If you are visiting today, please fill out a visitor card and place it in an alms basin. Following the service, join us in the Common Room for fellowship, coffee, and refreshments.

SAINT JOHN'S PAROCHIAL PRAYER CYCLE Saint John's is committed to praying for all of its members by name throughout the year. Each Morning and Evening Prayer Office includes petitions that the Lord continually care for your homes and enkindle charity in all your relationships.

THE RECTOR'S FORUM continues **at 9 am i**n the Common Room with Dr. Bill Lyons. This week in our ongoing study of 1 & 2 Kings in the Rector's Forum we will study the well-known stories of Elijah the Prophet (1 Kings 17–19, 21, and 2 Kings 1–2). These stories have inspired the Bible readers for millennia and are worth close scrutiny and ongoing meditation. Don't miss this!

CHORAL EVENSONG today at 5:30 pm. The Chamber Choir will sing the Canticles in A by Herbert Sumsion. Guest organist Evan Anderson will play his transcription of music from Wagner's opera *Lohengrin*.

HAPPENING SOON

DIOCESAN-WIDE MEN'S RETREAT All Episcopal men are invited to the 2024 annual men's retreat at St. Crispin's May 2-4. The theme for the weekend is "There is a Balm in Gilead." Retreat is sponsored by The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. This is an opportunity for all men in the Diocese of Oklahoma to spend a time together at our beautiful Saint Crispin's Episcopal Conference Center for fellowship, study and reflection. Father John Rule will lead, and the National Brotherhood President Roy Benavides will by attending. Come and see. **You may register online at epiok.org/eventscalendar.**

DEAD THEOLOGIANS' SOCIETY Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **May 1**, **at 9:15 am at The Collaborative.** We are studying a St. Augustine's *Enchiridion of Faith*, *Hope*, *and Love*, his handbook of the theological virtues. If you want more information for scheduling or joining, please reach out to Zachary Malavolti at zmalavolti@sjtulsa.org or follow the group on Facebook!

THE SAINT JOHN'S SCHOLA CANTORUM will meet at **5:15 pm** on **Thursday**, **May 2**, before Evening Prayer. Our "singing school" is dedicated to praying the daily office through historic unison plainchant. All are welcome and prior musical experience is not required. For more information, contact Dr. Zach at <u>zmalavolti@sjtulsa.org</u>

TIMOTHY BROWN RETURNS TO SAINT JOHN'S We welcome Tim Brown back to Saint John's this week. He will rehearse our Chamber and Parish Choirs on Wednesday, May 1 and he will be our guest conductor on Sunday, May 5 for the 10 am and 5:30 pm services. In 1979, Mr. Brown succeeded John Rutter as Director of Music at Clare College in Cambridge, England. In 2010, after 30 years in the role, he retired as Director of Music at Clare College, and became Visiting Director of the choir of Robinson College, Cambridge. In 2011 he founded The Zürich Singing Academy. He has edited a number of choral volumes for Faber Music and is a contributing editor to the complete edition of music by William Walton, published by Oxford University Press.

HAPPY HOUR AT TINA'S – Last month our Young Adults met at Bird and Bottle and had a great time! So, this month, our Young Adult's group will be meeting at Tina's for some food and fellowship. **We will meet there on May 16**th **at 6:00 pm.** If you have any questions or just wish to let us know you're coming, contact Joshua Corsaro or Zach Malavolti.

DRILLERS' GAME – Saturday, May 18th at 7:00 pm, the Tulsa Drillers will be playing at ONEOK field, and this year we were able to reserve one of the suites! We have 20 tickets available for free, so if you are a young adult and interested in joining us on the 18th, please let us know.

TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 26, is Joseph Arndt's last Sunday as our Music Director. Please join us that day for a special Choral Evensong at 5:30 pm. That evening, we will combine our Chamber and Parish choirs for a special service. This will be followed by a reception celebrating Joseph's nine years of music ministry with us. We hope to see you there.

APRIL OUTREACH For the month of April, Outreach is focusing on diapers (size 5, 6, 7), baby wipes, baby wash, diaper cream and receiving blankets for Emergency Infant Services. EIS serves ages newborn through age five for their emergency needs. Please note that our table is back in the Common Room for donations. Please note that our table is back in the Common Room for donations.

YOUTH AND KIDS' PROGRAMS

SUNDAYS:

NURSERY Children Ages 0 – 4 may stay in the nursery this Sunday beginning at 9 am. The nursery is located in the Fox Library.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL meets Sundays at 10 am, in Powell Hall

SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION Sunday Morning Formation meets in Powell Hall on Sundays following the 10 am service. This is a formation experience based on our Storymakers Curriculum for children in PreK-5th. Children will learn how they are a part of God's story, will receive snacks, and will have opportunities to earn prizes through memory verses! If you would like more information, please visit our website.

KIDS' NIGHT AND YOUTH GROUP meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will have dinner, games and Bible Study.

CHORISTERS meet at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays to prepare pieces for Mother's Day. Following practice we will provide dinner

VBS – SIGN-UPS FOR VBS are starting right now! Our theme for this year is Seasons of Celebration, where we will go through the holidays of the Church Calendar and explore their significance! We will be doing VBS July 22-26! If you wish to sign up your children or sign up as a volunteer, please email <u>info@sjtulsa.org</u>

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Sundays 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two 5:30 pm Choral Evensong, Rite One

Wednesdays 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

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