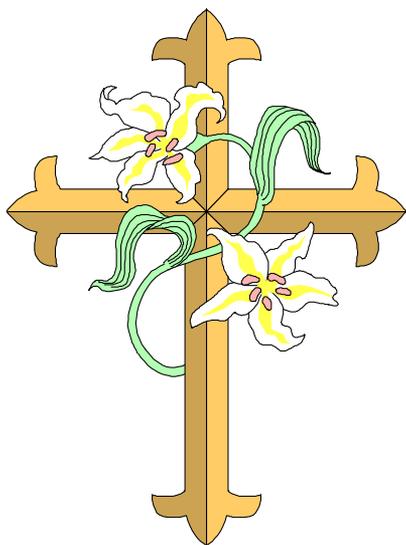


St. Paul's Church
Bristol Parish
Petersburg, Virginia



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
2 May 2021

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✕ RITE I

2 MAY 2021 ✕ 8:00 A.M.

This early service is without music.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Salutation (#2)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the following is said

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria

The Book of Common Prayer, page 324

*After the recitation of the Gloria,
the liturgy continues as in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

The readings are found in the insert.

The Bells are also found as an insert.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✕ RITE II

2 MAY 2021 ✕ 10:30 A.M.

Voluntary *Adagio* from *Organ Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

Hymns and all service music are sung by the choristers.

Hymnal numbers or bulletin text are provided so you may follow along.

Processional Hymn 657 Choristers

Blaenwern

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

THE WORD OF GOD

The Salutation (#2)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

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 Gloria in excelsis Deo S-279 Choristers

David Hurd

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (*Contemporary*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says 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 First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30 *Choristers*

Chant: Edward Hopkins (1818–1901)

The Epistle

I John 4:7-21

Gradual Hymn 315 *Choristers*

Song 1

“Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray”

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Sermon

The Rev Rick Greenwood

The Nicene Creed (*All standing*)

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.

The Prayers of the People *Form IV*

Let us pray for the Church and for 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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice
and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
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

Lord, in your mercy
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.

The Leader will read the Prayer List from the front page of The Bells.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People say together

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 Priest, stands alone 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 Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Remaining in place, the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord with a sign or gesture of "Peace."

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Charles Wood (1866–1926)
Arr. Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers,
Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.
REFRAIN. *There naught is heard but Paradise bird,
 Harp, dulcimer, lute,
 With cymbal, trump and tymbal,
 And the tender, soothing flute.*

The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity:
The Violet, with sweet perfume, Humanity. *Refrain*

The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience:
The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience. *Refrain*

The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,
'Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace. *Refrain*

Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim
The Star of Bethlem-Jesus-bless'd be his Name! *Refrain*

Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,
Make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat. *Refrain*

– Traditional Dutch from *Geestlijcke Harmonie*, Emmerich, 1633
Translation by the Rev. George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

The Celebrant proceeds

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

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

The Sanctus S-129 Choristers

Richard Proulx

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 people stand or kneel.

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.

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 St. Paul 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.*

Then is sung

The Fraction Anthem Choristers

Charles Lindsey

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Agnus Dei S-164 Choristers

Schubert

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 Administration of Communion

Communion *Air No. 5 from Water Music*

George F. Handel (1685–1759)

Communion Hymn 204 Choristers

Noël nouvelet

“Now the green blade riseth”

The Postcommunion Prayer

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 Blessing

The Celebrant asks God's blessing on the People with these words

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 205 Choristers

Gelobt sei Gott

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary First Movement of *Concerto in G, BWV 592 after Prince*

Johann Ernst

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

MUSIC NOTES. The postlude is a movement from one of five concerto transcriptions written by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750). Bach arranged these works for organ while in Weimar around 1713. Many of us are familiar with Italian Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741), who wrote three of the concertos that Bach transcribed from organ. The concerto at the postlude, however, is originally from someone most likely unfamiliar, Prince Johann Ernst, the young nephew of Bach's employer and an upcoming composer and violinist. After Vivaldi's *L'estro armónico*, a book of string concertos, was published in 1711, Ernst was inspired to begin writing concertos also. Unlike in the case of Vivaldi's concertos, Bach made a lot of changes to the young Ernst's composition. Nevertheless, the fact that Bach used one of Ernst's pieces would seem to speak volumes of what Bach thought of this boy's talent and promise. Regrettably, Ernst, whose full title was Johann Ernst Prinz von Sachsen-Weimar, died at only eighteen.