

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
May 2, 2021

Prelude . . . . . “Gott der Vater wohn uns bei . . . . . Dietrich Buxtehude

Good morning and welcome to Emmanuel Church this Fifth Sunday of Easter. Our service of Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion, Rite II, begins with Hymn 448 verses 1, 3, 5. You may follow along with the service bulletin posted on Facebook and our website, or simply sit back and enjoy the service.

**Hymn 448 vs. 1, 3, 5 . . . . . “O Love, How Deep, How Broad”**

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals’ sake.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **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.

### **First Reading: 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 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.

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 for ever!"**
- 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 for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.**

**Second Reading: 1 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.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**John 10:15:1-8**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon ..... The Rev. Denise Guinta**

**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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People: That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others....

Silence

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** ..... **BCP P. 360**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Anthem 487 vs. 1-3** ..... **“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”**

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.

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A . . . . . BCP P. 369**

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, 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, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

**Celebrant and People**

**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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. AMEN.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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 ..... BCP P. 364**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen**

**Communion Hymn LEVAS 138 vs. 1-3 . . . . “Lord, I Want to be a Christian”**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart,  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

**Post Communion Prayer . . . . . BCP P. 366**

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

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.**

**Hymn 213 vs. 1 and 2 . . . . . “Come, Away to the Skies”**

Come away to the skies, my beloved,  
arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born;  
on this festival day, come exulting away,  
and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,  
by our heavenly Father bestowed,  
while his grace we receive from his bounty,  
and live to the honor and glory of God.

**Dismissal**

**Postlude . . . . . “Gott der Vater wohn uns bei” . . . . . Samuel Scheidt**

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The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Jackie Bednarz in honor of Shellby Ochs Owen who celebrates a birthday. Thanks be to God!

We pray for Christ's comfort and healing Grace for:

Art H.	John M.	Dale G.
Alice C.	Lida P.	Nancy C.C.E.
Bob and Joan A.	Meneta D.	Ron
Baird	Retta	Ginger B.T.
Blount	Taybronne	Mamie C.
Hal and Peter M.	David L.	Jim H.
Jean S.	Rita R.	Kitty G.
Laura K.	The DuMontier Family	Dave R.

Ushers - If you can serve as Usher on May 23 or 30, please contact Sam Dawson at 540-760-1026. And, in anticipation of regathering for worship, please also contact Sam and let him know what month you could serve through the end of 2021.

Lectors, Chalicists, and Intercessors - We are will be regathering for worship on Sunday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday. So, in preparation for that much anticipated event, Lucy has sent out emails to persons who served in one or all three of those worship areas in the past. If you have responded to her email, thank you. If you have not responded, please let her know if you are willing to serve. If you did not receive an email and want to serve, please contact her at 886-8172 to be put on the list and let her know in what area or all 3 that you wish to serve.

Today's participants: Officiant and Preacher, The Rev. Denise Guinta; Deacon, The Rev. Susan Peyton; Intercessor, Katherine Turner; Organist, Sarah Grove-Humphries; Soloist, Autry Harper; Audio, Cass Cannon; and Video, Michael Hancock.

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