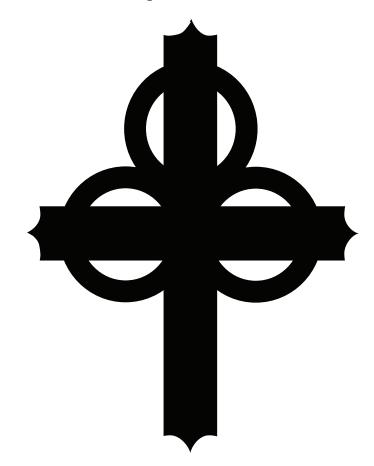
# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



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# Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation. All cell phones and mobile devices should be silenced prior to the service.

The Entrance Rite	

The Prelude

The Entrance Hymn The People stand.

#516 Come Down O Love Divine

Verses 1-3

#### The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People:

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

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 Trisagion

Celebrant: Holy God,

Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

The Gloria #S280 Gloria

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.

The Children's Sermon The People sit. All children are welcome to come forward.

Please stand after the sermon as children 3-years-old through 5th grade leave to go upstairs to the Children's area for our Godly Play and Godly Study programs. They will return at the Peace.

# The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.** 

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

# The First Lesson The People sit.

A reading from Acts, chapter 8, beginning with verse 26:

<sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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 <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

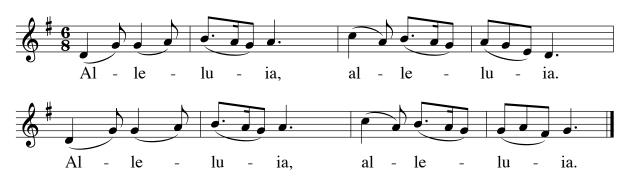
"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> 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?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

ACTS 8:26-40

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

**The Psalm** The People stand and say the words in bold.



#### Chant



- Be joyful in God, °all you lands; \*
  - sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be °glorious.
- Say to God, "How wonderful °are your works; \*
  - through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cowoer before you.
- For all the world shall °worship you, \*
  - sing to you, and opraise your Name."
- O come and see the °works of God, \*
  - how wonderful he is in his doing otoward all people. (Refrain)
- He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the °water on foot; \* therefore in him let °us rejoice.
- He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch 'over the nations; \*
  - let not the rebellious ex°alt themselves.
- Bless our °God, you peoples, \*
  - and make the voice of his praise oto be heard,
- 8 Who holds our °soul in life, \*
  - and does not allow our ofeet to slip. (Refrain)

PSALM 66:1-8

## The Second Lesson The People sit.

A reading from 1 John, chapter 3, beginning with verse 11:

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.

1 JOHN 3:11-24

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

The Gradual Hymn The People stand.

#212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Verse 1

The Gospel The People remain standing.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> 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."

JOHN 14:15-21

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

The Gradual Hymn

#212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Verse 5

The Sermon

The Reverend Justin Hogg

## The Nicene Creed The People stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

# Celebrant and People:

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.

The Prayers of the People The People kneel.

After each bidding the People are invited to offer their own prayers silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the church and for the world, saying "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all Israel and for all those in danger in the wars between Israel and Hamas and between Ukraine and Russia. (Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** 

For Foley, our Archbishop; for Alex, our Bishop, and Jody, his wife; for Morgan and Justin, our priests; for Trinity's Staff and Vestry; and for all the clergy, lay leaders and people of our diocese and congregation, especially for Pastor Fideli and Bumbogo Parish, our sister parish in Rwanda, and Gilbert and Love With Actions. (Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** 

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad and for all who teach and disciple others. (Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** 

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. (Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially for Joe, our President; Brian, our Governor; the Congress and the Supreme Court; Todd, our Mayor; our County Commissioners and members of the City Council; and members of the city and county school boards.

(Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** 

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. (Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** 

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving, let us pray. (Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the selection of a new Archbishop for the Anglican Church in North America. Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose an Archbishop for this Province that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission. (Pause.)

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

#### Celebrant:

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 of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Celebrant 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 Absolution

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 The People stand.

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated for announcements. Access this week's announcements by scanning the QR code on the back of this service guide or visit trinitythomasville.church/announcements.

# The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him!
Arranged with New Music by Lloyd Larson

During this time, all quietly meditate on offering our lives and our gifts to the Lord.

The Presentation Hymn The People stand and sing.

Sung to the tune of All Creatures of our God and King

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

# The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere 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 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

## The People kneel.

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 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.

#### The Celebrant continues:

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, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things into 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 forever. **Amen**.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

People: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. 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

#S164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

#### The Invitation to Communion

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.

A prayer team is available during communion to pray over you for intercession and healing.

<sup>\*</sup>The words "Apart from your grace" are omitted to return this prayer to its traditional Anglican form and generally accepted use in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer (page 135).

#### The Communion Instructions

We invite all baptized and believing Christians to participate in communion with us. You do not have to be Anglican to share in communion. At the appropriate time, ushers will direct you forward to the altar rail. To receive communion, kneel (if you are able) at the altar rail, place one hand on top of the other, and extend your hands with your palms upward. The bread in wafer form will be placed in your hands.

If you would like to drink from the common cup, first consume the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you.

If you would like to receive by intinction (bread dipped in wine), leave the bread/wafer in your hands. Then the cup bearer will take the bread, dip it in the wine, and return it to you for you to consume.

After you have received communion, you may return to your seat by the side aisles.

We also have sealed, individual communion available at the back for those with health concerns.

If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead.

### The Communion Songs

### A Thousand Hallelujahs

#### Verse 1

Who else would rocks cry out to worship Whose glory taught the stars to shine Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing But this joy is mine

#### Chorus

With a thousand hallelujahs
We magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory
The honor and the praise
Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more

#### Verse 2

Who else would die for our redemption Whose resurrection means I'll rise There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done But I have eternity to try

# Bridge

Praise to the Lord
To the Lamb
To the King of heaven
Praise for He rose
Now He reigns
We will sing forever

# Living Hope

#### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me Jesus Yours is the victory

#### Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

#### The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

# Celebrant and People:

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 for ever. *Amen*.

# The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,

and remain with you always. Amen.

The Closing Hymn The People stand.

#376 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Verses 1-3

#### The Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### The Postlude



# Worship Sundays at 10 am

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