

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND HOLY BAPTISM

APRIL 28, 2024 10:00 AM YEAR B

Prelude

Three Chorales for Eastertide

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

- "Jesus Christ, our Savior"
- "Jesus Christ, my Sure Defense"
- "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (Hymn 186)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 296 "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more" Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us; Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Together let 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 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 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. *Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 24-30

Deus, Deus meus

- 24 My praise is of him in the | great as- | sembly; * I will perform my vows in the | presence of | those who | worship him.
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and | turn to the | LORD, * and all the families of the | nations shall | bow be- | fore him.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in | worship; * all who go down to the | **dust** | fall be- | fore him.

- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the | LORD shall | praise him: * "May your | heart | live for- | ever!"
- 27 For kingship be- | longs to the | LORD; * he | rules | over the | nations.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my des- | cendants shall | serve him; * they shall be | known as the | LORD'S for | ever.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a | people yet un- | born * the saving | deeds that | he has | done.

The Lesson: 1 John 4:7-12

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 529 "In Christ there is no East or West"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Jerre Birdsong

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Corinne Elizabeth Roche to receive the Sacrament of

Baptism.

When all have been presented the Presider asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is

brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the

full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel

against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Corinne in

her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Deacon: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Deacon: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by

the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Deacon: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion

of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the

life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Presider then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Corinne Elizabeth who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptismal Hymn 295 "Sing praise to our Creator"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, first saying:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Presider, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Corinne Elizabeth, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Then the Presider places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with chrism and saying to her

Corinne Elizabeth, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

When this action has been completed for the candidate, the Presider at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Presider lights a candle from the Paschal candle and hands it to one of the parents saying

Receive the Light of Christ

When all have been baptized, the Presider says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace All stand as able. The Presider says to the people

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ. Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "This Joyful Eastertide"

arr. Charles Wood (1855-1926)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:

Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Refrain.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*.

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Eucharistic Prayer from Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ; you raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, Holy S128 Mathias

Blue 1982 Hymnal

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.

During the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season it is customary to remain standing for prayer.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before his suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction Anthem S155 Near Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 178 "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter 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.*

Closing Hymn 379 "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

"Processional"

William Mathias (1934-1992) ©1965 Oxford University Press

Today we baptized Corinne Elizabeth Roche, daughter of Andrew and DeAnne Roche. Her Godparents are Derek Price and Kelsy Terwelp.

Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Erica White Usher: Diane Nienkemper Greeter: Kittie Golomski Chalice: Marilyn Wiethop Livestream: Scott Thompson Crucifer: Jonathan Robards

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery Godly Play: Schoenberg

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

| May 5 th | Rite 13 service for Lucy Danieley |
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| May 12 th | Kairos Sunday "Hymn Sing" |

May 19th Pentecost Sunday with the Pentecost story read in several languages

May 26th Trinity Sunday and Healing Service

Rite 13 Celebration—May 5th

On Sunday, May 5th, we will be celebrating a Rite 13 Liturgy honoring Lucy Danieley who has been participating in Rite 13 classes along with other youths in the area throughout the Diocese of Missouri.

The journey from childhood to adulthood begins with adolescence, a time in which youth take on the gifts and challenges of physical maturity as they continue to learn and grow emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. The Rite 13 ceremony celebrates the beginning of this journey, marking a young person's progress beyond childhood, acknowledging their new status and responsibilities in the community and the world, and providing support and companionship for the path ahead. The Rite 13 Ceremony marks something in their life that is not actually a decision: turning thirteen, which is a significant age in many cultures. They can choose whether to participate in a Rite 13 ceremony, but they will turn thirteen whether or not they participate. The ceremony allows us to recognize this journey from childhood to adulthood and to pledge to support one another through it. Part of this journey to adulthood is an opportunity to prepare for confirmation and decide whether to be confirmed.

Please join us Sunday, May 5th and support Lucy in her decision to participate in this event and in welcoming her to the adult community of St. Mark's.

Hearts and Hands and Voices -- The Return!

If we were to reboot the Hearts and Hands and Voices festival event to be held in mid-September, does anyone:

Have any info, knowledge, or suggestions based on the previous events?

Know any artists whom we could invite to sell their work?

Know any musician who would be willing to perform? Ideas regarding compensation for musicians?

Know anyone in storytelling, skits, or other performances? (Could our performers do another skit?)

Know a local vendor who might want to sell and promote their wares?

Contact Sandra Olmsted at 314-503-0547 or sandraolmstedphd@gmail.com.

HYMN SING



On Sunday May 12th our Kairos Program will be a Hymn Sing at 9:45am. Tell us <u>Your Favorite Hymns!</u> Forms are an insert or are available at the back of church. Put your completed form in the basket at the back of the church. Not all submissions will be able to be used, but hymns not selected for the Hymn Sing will be held for future use. You may also email Melissa at the office with your favorite hymns at parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org. Submissions must be made by May 1st.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



All St. Markans (from the youngest to the oldest) are invited to participate in this global feeding ministry Today at 1:30 PM on at Emmanuel. RISE AGAINST HUNGER has a goal to end hunger with a three-fold approach by (1) empowering communities by teaching improvements in agricultural production, (2) nourishing lives by providing packaged rice and soy meals enhanced with 20 vitamins and minerals, and (3) responding to emergencies caused by natural

disasters and conflict zones. We can help by partnering with Emmanuel to package 20,000 meals at a cost of less than 50 cents per meal.

At its February 2024 meeting, the Vestry voted to approve spending \$750 from our Outreach Fund to support today's Rise Against Hunger food packaging event. This is approximately 7.5% of the cost of the food products that will be packaged that day. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jerre.



We Pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Michael, Teresa, and Jerre our Deacon, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ladue.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the people and ministry of Parroquia Ayudada La Resurrección in Manatí.

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner, Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner, Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Albrecht family, the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Cherie Blumenkamp, Evy Borowiak and her parents Kurt and Amy, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Steve Chamberlin, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Donna Duffy, The Rev. Michael Dunnington and his wife Leslie, Candace Farmer, Carol Garbs, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Anne Hennig, Rob Heritage, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Guy Medley, Tim Miller, Donna Musgrave, David and Dana Nash, Francis Nuener, Nina Olmsted, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Blair Schrautemeier, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Mary Totten, Kevin and Kathy Tracy, Ann Vannier, Marilyn Wiethop, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Jim.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Jerry Ahillen and Marti Robards.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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