



Trinity Church

Newport, RI



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Eastertide 5B

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

The Entrance Rite

The people stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.*

GLORIA (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO*)

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Word of God

The people are seated for the Lessons and the Psalm.

FIRST 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30*Setting by: Edward John Hopkins**The Psalm is sang by the cantor(s).*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 'May your heart live for ever!'
 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
 he rules over the nations.
 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND LESSON**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.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the Gradual Hymn and for the reading of the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn #487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory 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."

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

SERMON

THE REV. CHRISTINE CASSELS, *DEACON*

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand and face the altar and join in reciting the 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

Intercessor: Let us join with all creation in prayer, and acknowledge before God the one life we share, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: Your Holy Spirit, O God, is all around us. The same Spirit that shaped land and sea, trees, and beasts, still shapes us more and more in God's image. That the world would recognize and respond to God's Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Open your world, O God, before our eyes, so that we see your image both far and near. Show us newly what lies around us, what lies beyond us, what lies within us. That we might see with the eyes of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Bring us together, O Lord, that we might hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the peoples of the world. That all nations may be made one household with many rooms, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering of hope for the world. That the church will continue to shine brightly with the love of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Heal those who are sick, especially, Lewis Smith, Jeanne Nassa, Anita Beaumont, George and Sandra V., Karen A., Ted Gatchel, Jackie, Alexandra Marshall Detweiler, Richard, Reynold, Wyatt, Pam Bennett, Berit Hattendorf, Carol, Susan, Alexandra, David Vieau, Blakeley Andersen, Peter Chabot, Dennis, Virginia Smith, Betsy and Charlie Jauss, Sid Gorham, John and Mary Lutz, Rob, Todd, Fran, Jeff, Nancy Harley, Peter, Karen, Donna, Ray, Ford Ballard, John and Beth Wilcox, John Sawicki, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we join the Bishop today in praying for the retired clergy of the Diocese, and those whom we name either silently or aloud (*Pause*). Cheer those who are sorrowful. Love those who are alone. Join those who are distant and disconnected. Call all the world to your loving embrace. That all may be restored to health and wholeness, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: That the church and its leaders, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Nicholas, Bishop of Rhode Island; Timothy and Christine, clergy of this parish; and all ministers of the Gospel will serve in truth and in faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: That those who lead us, especially Joseph, President of the United States; and Daniel, Governor of Rhode Island; as well as the leaders of all nations, will be led to wise and just actions, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: That those who have died may rest in peace and rise in glory. Today we remember Virginia "Ginny" Long, Susan Polley Leary, Shirley Anne Roos, Robert H. Tiedemann, and those we now name either silently or aloud. *(Pause)* Let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: O God, keep us focused on and grounded in your divine love. We are many parts, yet long to serve you as one. We pray for the unity which comes only through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit's enlivening and equipping presence, and give you honor this day and for all time. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

Please stay in your pews and maintain social distancing (wave or bow) while we greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people are seated

Offertory Anthem
Jubilate

W. Meyer Lutz

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

**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.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

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

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

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: **have mercy on us.**

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

THE 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.

Please stay within your pew as the priest delivers the communion to each pew, aisle by aisle.

Since communion in one kind is recognized as the full sacrament, we will be offering wafers only.

Please wait until the priest has passed your pew with at least 6 feet of distance before lowering your mask to consume the eucharist.

After you receive your communion, you may remain seated for a time of quiet prayer and reflection. When the table has been cleared, the Presider will invite everyone to stand for prayer.

Communion Anthem

Panis Angelicus

anonymous composer

Communion Hymn #323

Bread of heaven

„Jesu, du mein Hirt

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider: The Rev. Canon Timothy J. Watt
Preacher & Deacon: The Rev. Christine Cassels
Organist: Michael Bahmann
Cantors: Kate Longo and Diane and Chris Myers
Crucifer: John Smith
Lector & Intercessor: Bob Smith
Ushers: Scott and Debbie Bartlett
Greeter: Chrissy Pimentel
A/V Production: Cassandra Dias
Altar Society: Helen Brennan, Jeanne Kelley,
 Candy Gilmartin, and Mary Sinnott

Announcements

Capital Campaign

Hello Trinity Serves Donors,

We would like to thank you again for your generous support of Trinity's capital campaign. We have a special request.



As we look forward to applying for important grants to support this project, we know that our application will receive a more favorable reception the more funds that we have already accumulated.

With that in mind, we are asking that *if you have the flexibility*, that you pay your pledge in the next few weeks. Our next grant application deadline is June 1st.

Again, if you have the opportunity to pay your pledge now, it will help make our case for grant funding that much stronger.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Trinity Church.

If you have any questions about the status of your pledge, please contact Brian O'Malley.

Mary Street Parking Pass



Parking Season Is Upon Us!

Parking in the city-owned Mary Street Lot is available to Trinity Church's Sunday morning attendees **until 12:00pm**. Please visibly display on your dashboard the 2021 Trinity Parking pass. Should you need a copy, there are a few options on how to get it:

- download it from the weekly e-tower newsletter
- on our website: www.trinitynewport.org/resource
- grab a copy from the greeter's desk on Sunday mornings

Tower Lightings



The Tower will be lit on Friday, the 7th of May to the Glory of God with thanks for the life of **Anders Staats Nielsen**, cherished son, nephew, and grandson.

ECC Summer Camp 2021

ECC is a summer camp and retreat center for the Episcopal Church in RI. We nurture authentic relationships with God, one another, and ourselves that transform lives.

SUMMER CAMP IS ON!
REGISTER FOR CAMP TODAY!

ECC is thrilled to be offering a modified and simplified version of overnight camp this summer.

Available Camp Sessions:

- Family Camp
- Bridge Camp
- Children's Camp
- Teen Camp I
- Teen Camp II
- Counselor-in-Training Program



If you would like to see extensive details about each camp session, please visit:
www.eccri.org/camp2021

In addition, ECC is offering scholarships for RI church members! If you are interested in any of the following programs and would like to discuss applying for a scholarship, please contact Canon Tim at revwatt@trinitynewport.org.

Trinity Loving Community (TLC), is the Pastoral Care ministry of this parish. Reaching out with visits, meals, cards, and phone calls; and providing rides and errands, TLC extends the love of Christ to those in need. If you are aware of a need – for yourself or for someone else – please contact the TLC Monthly Coordinator(s).



The TLC Coordinator for this month is:

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