

Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 • 9:30am



Photo by Rohit Tandon

Welcome!

We are glad you are with us today! It is our hope and prayer you will find our worship to be a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

The restroom is located in the Parish Hall, straight ahead of you as you depart the Sanctuary.

After worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

The Word of the Lord

Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please stand as you are able.*

God is love; let heaven adore him

The Hymnal 1982 #379



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Wonder, Love, and Praise #880



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30 *Said responsively by half verse.*

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.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Sequence Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

The Hymnal 1982 #657



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

People **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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell

Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

**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

- Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(Silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Amanda, Tony, Owen, Susan, Steffie, Ed, Devon, Matt, Maryann, John, Marjorie, Beverly, and Joanne. *(Silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Reader* I invite your own prayers either silently or aloud.
- Celebrant* O Lord, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

All we have and all we are is of God. We give to the Church in thanksgiving to God for all God has given us. Your offering supports the ministry of the Church of the Advent as we seek to be bearers of God's love and light.

You can place your offering in the offertory plate; set up recurring electronic payments through your bank; make a secure donation online by texting ADVENTMEDFIELD to 73256 followed by the gift amount; or go to adventmedfield.org and click Give at the top right.

Offertory Anthem

Doxology *Please stand as you are able.*

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v.3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

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 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 are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 3/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes 'ly', 'ry', and 'est' in the lyrics. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant 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 he died for us, 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:



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 children, 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.

People **AMEN.**

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

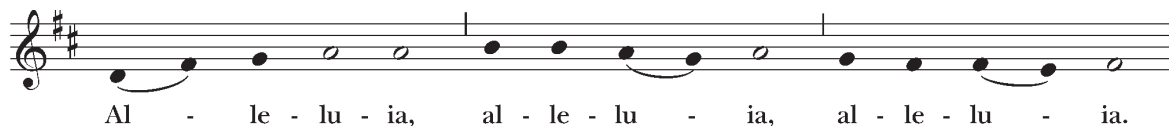
The Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

The Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982 #S-154



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

Communion

All who seek Christ or a deeper knowledge of Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Please come forward to the altar rail, filling in on the sides, and stand or kneel to receive Communion. Cup your hands to receive the bread. You may receive the wine by guiding the cup to your lips or by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not want to receive from the chalice, you may touch the chalice and say "Amen" when the Eucharistic Minister says "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Gluten-free wafers are available.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing. If you need Communion brought to you, please notify the usher.

Post Communion Prayer *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Celebrant says the blessing, The people respond Amen.

The Recessional Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

The Hymnal 1982 #182



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Thank you to our guest organist, Natacha Rist!

Participants

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell
Organist	Natacha Rist
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Lector	Jennifer Cavan
Acolyte	Evie King
Altar Guild	Donna Baker and Peggy Gray
Flower Guild	Nancy Miller
Sunday School Teacher	Donna Baker
Camera Operator	Kim Schubert
Counter	Nancy Harrington
Coffee Hour Host	Christine Babson

Announcements

Welcome!

If you're visiting or new to Advent, please fill out a Welcome Card in your pew. You can place it in the offertory plate or hand it to Rev. Lynn. We'd love to connect with you!

Sunday Afternoon Part 1: Labyrinth Walk

We're hosting a climate-themed interfaith community labyrinth walk, Being the Change, this afternoon from 3:00-5:00pm. You're invited to come and celebrate in prayer and action our commitment to protect our common Earthly home.

Sunday Afternoon Part 2: Youth Group

All youth in grades 8 through 12 (parishioners and friends) are welcome to Youth Group Sunday afternoon from 5:00-7:00pm.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser on May 4

Gather unwanted electronics and appliances for our Electronics Recycling fundraiser. It helps the environment and it helps Church of the Advent raise money. We'll be in the church parking lot from 9:00am-12 noon on May 4. If you can't get to church at that time, call Becky Poynot to schedule a pickup. Details are on the flyer, available on the welcome table and in the weekly email. Share with friends and neighbors!

Bishop's Visit on May 5

Bishop Gates will join us on Sunday, May 5. He will preach, preside, and share conversation during a special Coffee Hour following worship.

Formation

Church School for PreK-3rd Grade meets at 9:30am on April 28; May 5 and 12; and June 2.

Youth Group meets from 5:00-7:00pm on April 28 and May 19. All youth in grades 8-12 — parishioners and friends! —are welcome. Contact Rev. Lynn for details.

Adult bible study and reflection takes place Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. It's a come-as-you-can program so there's no pressure to come every week.

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