

**Easter 5 Year B 2021**

**Welcome and Notices**

**Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Prayer of preparation**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
All desires known,  
And from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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

**Prayers of Penitence**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you  
And against our neighbour  
In thought and word and deed,  
Through negligence, through weakness  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
And repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,  
Who died for us  
Forgive us all that is past  
And grant that we may serve you in newness  
of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

**Absolution**

**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.

**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
Your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
Give us compassion and courage,  
To risk ourselves for those we serve,  
To the glory of God the Father,  
Amen

**Readings**

**New Testament: Acts 8:26 to end**

An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, "At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. The Spirit told Philip, "Approach this carriage and stay with it."

Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you really understand what you are reading?"

The man replied, "Without someone to guide me, how could I?" Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. This was the passage of scripture he was reading:

Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent  
so he didn't open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was taken away from him.  
Who can tell the story of his descendants  
because his life was taken from the earth?

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?" Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. As they went down the road, they came to some water.

The eunuch said, "Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?" He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the water, where Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found himself in Azotus. He travelled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

The is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel John 15:1-8**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark

**Glory to you O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

**Sermon**

**Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
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. Amen**

#### **Intercessions**

Ending with:

**Merciful Father  
Accept these prayers  
For the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen.**

#### **The Peace.**

The Fruit of the Spirit is love. Joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

**Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our risen High Priest;  
Make yourself known in the breaking of bread.**

#### **Easter Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you 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.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people, and gather into one in your kingdom, all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

#### **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### **Post communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
Whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life:  
Grant us to walk in his way,  
To rejoice in his truth,  
And to share his risen life;  
Who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever,  
Amen

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
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Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
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## **Blessing**

Abide in the power of the Almighty,  
Abide in the love of the Saviour,  
Abide in the fellowship of the Spirit,  
That you may bear much fruit  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always  
**Amen**

## **Sending**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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