



The Holy Eucharist (Rite Two)  
 The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 May 2, 2021  
 10:00 a.m.

*Happy Easter, and welcome to Holy Apostles for this celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We are glad to have you with us!*

*For your safety, and out of love of neighbor, please wear masks and observe social distance between households throughout the service.*

*Concern for our neighbor also dictates that we do not sing as a congregation at this time, but we are blessed to have ministers of music offering our praises to God, and we join with them in spirit, “singing and making melody to the Lord in our hearts” (Eph. 5:19).*

*Monetary gifts may be placed in the offering plate before the service—the plate will not be passed at the offertory.*

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion from the Lord’s Table. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about this sacrament, please contact one of the clergy.*

Prelude

*Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<b>People</b>	<b>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</b>

*Gloria*

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### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

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 Lessons

*The people sit*

A Reading from Acts (*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.  
**People**                      **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22: 24-30 (*Sung by Cantors*)



- 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.

A Reading from the First Letter of John (*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.  
**People**                      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

Sequence Hymn

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*

Hymn 513

*Still standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

**People**                   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*(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."

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Clay Calhoun

**The Nicene 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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

For the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East (Anglican cycle of prayer)

For the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas  
(Anglican Religious Orders cycle of prayer)

For St. George's, Germantown (West TN Diocesan cycle of prayer)

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for the twelve Holy Apostles and all your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We pray for our own needs and those of others, especially for those on our parish prayer list.  
**Fred, Marilyn, Brooke, Robbie, Abigail, Gloria, Bob, Nathaniel, Ronnie, Gia, Bonnie, Tom, David, Kim, Phillip, Katherine, Brad, Betty, Judy, Brian, Jamie, Iva, Debbie, Barkley, Morris Family, Spore Family, Allan**

We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially:

Cynthia Haynes  
Christina Ogle  
Bryan Massey  
Jerry Yates

Ede Bengtson  
Anil Daniel  
Luke Massey

We give thanks for the altar flowers given to the glory of God by Diana and Ronnie Kelly in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary and by Alice and Cyril Chang in memory of Earl Morris.

*Silence*

*A Prayer for the Parish* (said by all)

**Faithful and loving God, you trace our journeys and our resting places and are acquainted with all our ways. Sustain Holy Apostles with your grace during this time of transition; bless us with joy, beauty, and wonder, and bind us together in fellowship and love. Empower us to continue to be a place of refuge for the weary and companionship for the pilgrim. Raise up for us a pastor who will care for your people, equip us for our ministries, and shine a light on your path. Grant that we may walk with you in the Way of Love, and reflect your goodness and light always. This we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*The People's offerings of bread, wine, and money or other gifts, are placed upon the Altar. When directed by the Celebrant, the People stand.*

Offertory Anthem

*Savior, teach me day by day*

Raymond Weidner

*Savior, teach me, day by day, thine own lesson to obey;  
Better lesson ne'er can be: Loving him who first loved me.*

*With a child-like heart of love, at thy bidding may I move;  
Prompt to serve and follow thee, loving him who first loved me.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

**People** The Lord be with you.  
**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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

*Sanctus*

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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 people stand or kneel*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

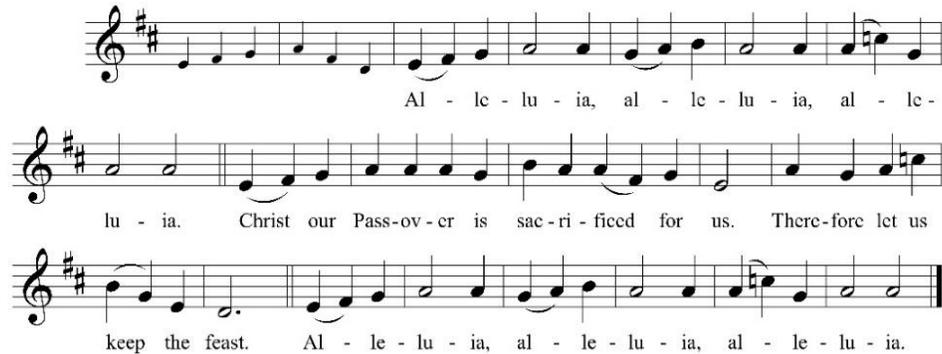
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Fraction Anthem*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov - er 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.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Ushers will direct family groups to approach the altar rail to receive Holy Communion, which will be administered in one kind (Bread only). Please remain masked and return by the side aisle to your pew to consume the Sacrament there.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

*If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, but desire a blessing, indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.*

Communion Hymn

*Love came down at Christmas  
O love that casts out fear*

Hymn 84  
Hymn 700

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Priest may bless the people.*

*The Deacon dismisses the people with these words*

*Priest*  
**People**

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

Postlude

*March*

Franz Joseph Haydn



## TODAY'S SERVERS (05/02/21)

### 10:00 a.m.

**Lector/Intercessor:** Kathy Krieger

**Acolyte:** Julia Calhoun

**Greeters/Ushers:** Bob Bennett, John Ogle

**Altar Guild this week:** Team #4, Captain – Diana Kelly

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EYC

**Today at 11:30 am**

Picnic at Johnson Park! Meet at Johnson Park at Wolf River Blvd and Byhalia Rd in Collierville (in the parking lot next to the spray park). Bring your lunch and a friend!

### Holy Hikers

**Saturday, May 8th**

The Holy Hikers will journey to Village Creek State Park near Wynne, AR for our May 8<sup>th</sup> hike. Meet at the church at 9:00 am. See your weekly email for more details!

### Youth Sunday

**Sunday, May 9th at the 10:00 am service**

Youth Sunday is next Sunday, May 9th! The young people of Holy Apostles will serve as lectors, ushers and a graduating senior will give the sermon. Before the service, we will honor our graduating seniors and present them with a blessing and a small gift. Let us know if you or a loved one are graduating this Spring! You can email Cynthia at [cynthia@holypostle.net](mailto:cynthia@holypostle.net).

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The Right Reverend Phoebe A. Roaf, Bishop of West Tennessee

The Rev. Clay Calhoun, Priest Associate

The Rev. Gerri Endicott, Deacon

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*To provide a welcoming community in which all can, with open hearts and open minds, receive God's grace through worship, fellowship, learning and outreach to others.*