



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021, 10:30am

Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

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Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the judge, shall come

and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Then 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.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 31

Hal le lu jah, ha le lu jah! Hal le
lu jah, ha le lu jah!

Music: Leonard Cohen

Cantor 1: Save me from shame; my refuge, Lord. In righteousness, deliver me.

(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Incline your ear, O Lord, I pray; make haste to help me, set me free.

(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Cantor 1: Be my strong rock; you are my crag, my stronghold, castle none can take.

(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Lead me, O Lord, along straight paths, and guide me for your own Name's sake.

(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Cantor 1: Release me from the secret snare; You are my tow'r of strength and might.

(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

I trust my spirit to your hands, Redeemer, God of truth and might.

(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

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 Saviour 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 judgement, 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.**

Gospel Acclamation

9 Al - le - lui - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is ri - sen from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

Cantor: **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said, "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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

Cantor: **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Homily: The Rev. Dr. P.J. Carefoote

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Musical Reflection: If with All Your Hearts

F. Mendelssohn

The Apostle's Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People: Litany of Easter

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. The cantor sings verses 1-3 of the Sanctus.



1. Ho - ly - ho - ly, Ho - ly!	Lord God of pow'r and might	Lord
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!	Your glo - ry fills the hea - ven,	your
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!	He comes the Bless - ed One	He
4. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!	For ev - er - more be glo - ry!	For
5. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!	For ev - er more be glo - ry!	For



God	of pow'r,	Lord God	of might!	Ho - ly,	ho - ly	Lord!
glo - ry	fills	the heav'n	and earth!	Ho - ly,	ho - ly	Lord!
comes	in	the name	of the Lord!	Ho - ly,	ho - ly	Lord!
ev - er more	be glo - ry	to you!		Glo - ry - be	to you!	
ev - er more	be glo - ry	to you!		A - men,	A - men!	

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, the cantor sings verse 4 of the Sanctus.

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love. At the elevation of the bread and cup, the cantor sings verse 5 of the Sanctus.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People: **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Lord we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Music During Communion: I Come with Joy

Land of Rest

Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: O Light of Life!

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