



**CHRIST CHURCH  
EPISCOPAL  
PARISH**  
*Lake Oswego, Oregon*

# ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

*April 28, 2024  
8:00 am*

## **The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 319**

**Presider** Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

**Collect for Purity**

**BCP 323**

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**BCP 324**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest  
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

**BCP 224**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

**Presider** 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 Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 8:26-40**

**Lector** 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."

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 22:24-30**

*The people sit.*

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.

## **The Second Lesson**

## **1 John 4:7-21**

**Lector** 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.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

## **The Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of the 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.”

**Gospeler**      The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**            **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**            **The Rev'd Brad Toebben**

**Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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**

### **Prayer II**

**BCP 385**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

**Intercessor** I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, +Michael our Presiding Bishop, +Diana our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

**Intercessor** I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

**Intercessor** I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

**Intercessor** I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

**Intercessor** I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

**Intercessor** Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

## **The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Presider** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

## **Greetings**

### **Birthday Prayer**

**BCP 830**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Anniversary Prayer**

**BCP 431**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

**BCP 340**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

**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 meet and right so to do.**

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

**Presider** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

**Presider** Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Presider and People**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues*

**Presider** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated*

**Presider** For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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."



Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Presider** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

**Presider** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The following may be said here*

O Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

**BCP 337**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

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

**Presider** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion of the People**

*Communion will be received from the altar rail. Please stand or kneel as is our custom. The bread will be placed on your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest if you require this alternative. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

## **BCP 339**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Presider**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

**Presider** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

**Please keep these people in your prayers this week.**

Judy, Andrew, Michelle, Anselmo, Richard, Brad, Warren

**To Request a Prayer**

Send an email to [prayers@ccparish.org](mailto:prayers@ccparish.org) with your request.

**Our Nursery** is staffed with awesome volunteers this Sunday, April 28 during the 10 am service.

**Sunday School classes for preschool through grade 5 are in session this Sunday, April 28.** Bring your kids to their assigned classrooms at 10 am. We'll join you in the pew for communion.

**The Sacred Donut does not meet this week.**

**The Journey of Parenting meets on Sunday, April 28th.** Please join us in the Guild Room after the service.

**Register for Splish Splash Family Blast starting Sunday is open!** We invite families with kids up through grade 5 to join us for 3 Sundays of fun! This summer, we gather June 30, July 28 and August 25. You can find a registration form on the table in the narthex, the program table in the education wing, or get one from the door of your child's Sunday School classroom. It's also available on the website. Registration is a great help in making sure we have the proper quantity of supplies. Splish Splash begins with lunch at noon (bring your own!) followed by a fun bible story, art and science activities, games on the front lawn and the all important POPSICLE PARTY at the close.

**Free Babysitting!** Don't forget that we have free babysitting the night of the auction for kids up through age 10. Families need to reserve their spots with the people at the auction table. Spots are limited so be sure to get yours saved today.

**Beautiful Dark Mulch** Warner Allen has generously offered to bring 1.5 units of mulch for our memorial garden. He'll bring his wheelbarrow and the mulch to Christ Church at 10 am on Saturday, May 4, and help spread it in our garden and on the area beside the curved walk, outside the garden (where the new dogwoods are planted). We need a crew to help spread the mulch. Volunteers are asked to bring a shovel. and if you can a wheelbarrow.



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  - ❖ **WINE WALL . . . Yes, the bottles are starting to fill up in the secret closet . . .** but we could use a few more delectable \$20+ bottles to add to the fun and the mystery. Donate a bottle and stop by The Wall to take a few home on the 4th!
  - ❖ **Y'ALL COME! JOIN IN ON THE FUN AND HELP US SUPPORT OUTREACH AND**
- THE TOP-NOTCH CHARITY PROGRAMS DEAR TO OUR HEARTS!**  
**Train question of the week:** Why did the conductors miss the TV show? **Train answer:** They tuned into the wrong station!



**Habitat for Humanity** We are looking for volunteers who would like to join us on future “build days” with Habitat for Humanity this Spring and Summer in local build sites. Part of our Outreach mission at Christ Church Episcopal is to help combat homelessness. Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity is one way you can help.

Volunteering with Habitat offers a unique way for a group of friends and family to come together to do something good for the community. At the same time, you can learn new skills and have fun in the process. Volunteers need to be 18 to operate power tools and 16 for other tasks.

Habitat promotes home ownership to families who qualify, who commit 200 hours working alongside with volunteers like us to build homes that meet or exceed local building codes.

No construction experience is needed, you can learn new skills with trained volunteers and have fun in the process.

Please sign up by sending your contact information to:

CCEP Outreach Liaison for Habitat for Humanity

Steve Whittaker - [steve@whittpho.com](mailto:steve@whittpho.com)

### **Outreach: Spring Canned Food Drive Food Pantry Updates**

It's Springtime and our CCEP food pantry shelves are beginning to bloom with your donations!

We are working with multiple food pantries connected to the Oregon Food Bank along with other outreach ministries that our parish supports.

Each time our shelves are fully stocked, we cycle the food to one of those food pantries: along with sharing those donations with other parish-related outreach ministries that we support:

William Temple House:

As soon as our shelves are once stocked with your donations, we will transfer your donated food to the William Temple House Food Pantry in Portland, serving about 1,500 families per month.

## How You Can Help:

When you are grocery shopping, please pick up some additional food products allowing us to continue our support to the many emergency food pantries in our area.

We are requesting a variety of canned food products.

- Infant formula
- canned fruit, soups, beans, spam, tuna, chicken
- cereal, rice, and pasta.

These items serve a critical part of our mission in combating hunger in our area and your donations really do make a difference in people's lives.

**Important: Most emergency food pantries will reject expired food products. Please check the expiration dates before you donate.**

Thank you CCEP Parishioners for your help and please keep those food donations coming! If you have any questions, please contact Steve Whittaker [steve@whittpho.com](mailto:steve@whittpho.com)

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