

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Selected Collects and Prayer for Mission

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A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Nancy Furr, and Andy, Missy, Elisabeth, Russell and Samuel Gates.

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 especially pray for for Melissa Aigner, Mary Villeponteaux, and Elaine Yeatts. *(pause)*

The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of James Harris from a friend.

I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. *(pause)*

The General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

Please be seated. The ushers will guide dismissal by pews.

Postlude *On Vigilis et Sancti*

Officiant: Samantha Ellis

Lay Reader: Erica Roney

Ushers: Greg Gwaltney & Gisela White

AV: Rick Talmage, Lee Adams & Bill Miller



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*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.
During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

Welcome and thank you for wearing your masks while inside the building. The Lector, Soloist, and Officiant will remove masks only when speaking. During hymns we will remain seated. You are invited to silently read and meditate on the words during the hymns. For your responses, in bold print, please do respond quietly, God will hear you! At the end of the service, please be seated to wait for the ushers to direct you toward the exit. We will exit by pews out of the side door near the pulpit, beginning with the front pew on the left side. After the left side has departed, ushers will guide the right side of the church down the center aisle and across the front of the sanctuary to the exit. We appreciate your patience.

10:00 AM MORNING PRAYER RITE II

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Prelude *Loving Jesus, we are here*

J S Bach

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Opening Sentence *standing*

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

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People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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. Alleluia.

The Venite *in unison*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 22:24-30 *in unison*

**My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.**

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.**

**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.**

**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.**

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 *sitting*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 379 *God is Love, let heaven adore him*

*God is Love, let heaven adore him: God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.*

*God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that self same aching deep with in the heart of God.*

*God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.*

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Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8 *sitting*

Officiant The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A moment of silence is observed.

Hymn 448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!*

*For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.*

*All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.*

The Apostles' Creed *standing*

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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.

THE PRAYERS *standing or kneeling*

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Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Reader Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Abbot's Leigh

Samantha Ellis

Chereponi