



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
with Celebration of Holy Baptism
Sunday April 28th, 2024**

Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ginny Blake

Opening Sentence: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. (*John 15.5*)

Processional Hymn: CP #35 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Greeting: BAS p.151

Collect of the Day: BAS p.340

Children’s Time

Blessing Song

God bless and keep you (both hands raised in blessing)

God shine upon you (hands circling like a sunrise)

God’s gracious presence (hands folded in prayer)

Abide with you in peace (one hand raised in blessing)

Repeat

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 8.26–40

Chris Wood

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

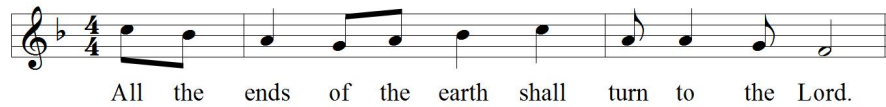
Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22.24–30: BAS p.730

Refrain:



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Second Reading: 1 John 4.7–21

Chris Wood

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia: CP #715

The Gospel: John 15.1–8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"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.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptism

Presentation: BAS p.153

Prayers for the Candidate: BAS p.155

Thanksgiving over the Water: p.156

The Baptismal Covenant: BAS pp.158-159

The Baptism: BAS p.160

The Giving of Light: BAS pp.160-161

Peace: BAS p.162

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Fam Jam

"Borning Cry" (John Ylvisker)

*I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

Prayer over the Gifts: BAS p.341

Eucharistic Prayer #3: BAS p.198

The Lord's Prayer: BAS p.211

Breaking of the Bread #8: BAS p.213

Lamb of God: CP #690

*Come to the table!
All those seeking Christ in their heart are welcome at the table.
The full presence of God is in both bread and wine.
(Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the priest.)
Prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel.*

Communion Hymn: Fam Jam

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Repeat

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Prayer after Communion: BAS p.341

Small Doxology: BAS p.214

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP #5

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Dismissal: “Go forth in peace and with joy, to tell the story of faith that is given to you by the One who never lets you go.”

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Our Beautiful Flowers Today

Flowers at the Nave Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Jacek from Gus Jacek and family.

*Flowers in front of the Nave are given to the Glory of God
in memory of and thanksgiving
for past members of the Altar Guild from the Altar Guild.*

Parish Announcements

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday May 5th 12:10pm Holy Communion Service
Sunday May 8th 8:00am/10:30am Holy Communion Service

Covid Masks

Masks are available at the back of the church and in the parish hall. Masking is an option. With the rise in COVID and other respiratory viruses, please consider wearing one to protect yourself and to protect others, especially if you have been around someone recently diagnosed with a respiratory infection.

Baptism Today

Today we welcome Bobbi Noelle Dodman, and celebrate with her parents, godparents, family, and friend as she receives the sacrament of baptism!

Coffee in the Columbarium – May 5

Join us for coffee hour and fellowship next week May 5th in the Columbarium downstairs, following our 10.30 service. We have a beautiful space surrounding our sacred ministry of repose for those we love but see no more. You are invited to see the columbarium, and ask any questions about this offering to the broader community.

Spring Prayer Workshops - Mark your calendar!

You are invited to join us for three (free!) guided discussions on prayer. We'll meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month (April-June) at St. John's Parish Hall, 10am- 12pm. Bring your lunch for a time of fellowship. The workshops are facilitated by Laura Marie Piotrowicz and Shawn Sanford Beck.

Saturday, May 11th: "Theology of Intercession: what ARE we doing?"

Saturday, June 8th: "Prayer in the Modern World: why it matters"

WE SHARE THE AIR – Scent-free Please

The chemicals used in scented products can cause health problems for members and visitors. Please do not use perfume, cologne, or scented personal and laundry products. Please choose products without fragrance.

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