

Welcome to Saint John's!

Readings for the coming Sunday, May 5, 2024

Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17; Psalm 98

Coming up this week...

- Today: Mission Sunday
Coffee Hour, hosted by Polly DellaCrosse & Jay Clark
- Wednesday: Bible Study – 10 a.m. in the Sunday School room
Eucharist – 5 p.m.
- Friday: Bible Study – 10 a.m. in the church parlor
- Next Sunday: Food and Personal Care Products for St. Paul's, Bloomville
- Weekdays: Morning Prayer – 9:15 a.m. at St. John's or view on Facebook at [facebook.com/StJohnsDelhi](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsDelhi)

Birthdays:

Lincoln Knapp - April 28
Linda Iwanow - May 1
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Joan Townsend - May 3



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

- Processional: "On This Day, the First of Days" Hymnal 47
Opening Prayers BCP p. 355
Gloria Hymnal S280
Collect of the Day Bulletin p. 2
First Reading: Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21
Gospel Hymn: "We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More" Hymnal 296
The Gospel: John 15:1-8
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The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358
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Offertory Hymn: "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord" Hymnal 304
Doxology
The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361
Sanctus Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364
Agnus Dei Hymnal S164
Communion Hymn: "My God, My Table" Hymnal 321
Prayer BCP p. 365
The Blessing
Recessional: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" Hymnal 344

The Dismissal

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Opening Hymn Hymnal 47
Opening Prayers BCP (red book) p. 355
Please sing the *Gloria* Hymnal S280

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

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.**

Please be seated for the reading of God's word.

First Reading

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.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. If you prefer not to receive, please stand or kneel with your arms crossed and you will receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn Hymnal 321
Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365
The Blessing
Closing Hymn Hymnal 344
The Dismissal – people's response: ***"Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!"***

Please stay after the service for coffee hour!

For Joseph our president and Kathleen our governor; for an end to war and violence in all places, that God will turn hearts from destructive deeds, open pathways for dialogue, and protect the innocent from harm. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially.....that Christ will renew the gift of life within them and strengthen them in God's love. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially.....that they may abide in the love of God for ever. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace so that loving one another we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Confession BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn Hymnal 304

Doxology

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen.”

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Please sing the *Sanctus* Hymnal S130

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Please sing the *Agnus Dei* Hymnal S164

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.**

Let us pray together Psalm 22:24-30

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.**

Second reading

A reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 296

The Gospel

please remain standing

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People

As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, we seek to abide in the Spirit of love, and bring our prayers to God, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeremiah our Bishop, Art and Nancy our priests, and all clergy, that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound in deeds of loving service and justice. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may continually draw life from Christ and bear a rich harvest of love and service for God's glory. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the grace of letting go, that God will help us to let go of those things which need to be pruned, so that life and love may flow through us as signs of God's tender care. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who feel cut off from God, friends, themselves or life itself, that God will show them how they are connected and from whom they can draw life. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*