



Holy Eucharist

APRIL 28, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Welcome to St. Michael's. We're so glad you're worshipping with us this Easter Sunday, whether in person or online. Everything you need to participate in worship is in this worship guide. You can also follow along with the service in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) if you would like. If you don't have a copy of your own, there is a free PDF version available online to use at bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net.

WELCOMING HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

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Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success:
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

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Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You: the only wise King

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Repeat twice

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 glory; 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

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson

Micah 4: 1- 5

Reader A reading from the book of Micah.

¹ In the last days
the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.

² Many nations will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³ He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁴ Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

⁵ All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God for ever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 66:1-8

Reader The Psalm for today is Psalm 66. Please read responsively by whole
verse.

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands;
 sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

2 **Say to God, “How wonderful are your works;
 through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before
 you.**

3 For all the world shall worship you,
 sing to you, and praise your Name.”

4 **O come and see the works of God,
 how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot;
 therefore in him let us rejoice.

6 **He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;
 let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

7 Bless our God, you peoples,
 and make the voice of his praise to be heard,

8 **Who holds our soul in life,
 and does not allow our feet to slip.**

The Second Lesson

1 John 3: 16- 24

Reader A reading from the book of 1 John.

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 15: 1-8

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

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

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Erin Bair

We keep a moment of silence after the sermon for reflection and prayer.

THE NICENE CREED

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Reader For Foley, our Archbishop; and Chris, our Bishop; for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation, especially Christ the Redeemer Church of Fairfax, VA, and Christ the Savior Church of Glen Burnie, MD; and for the College of Bishops as they prepare to select a new Archbishop. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Joe, our President; and Glenn, our governor. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader I invite you to add your own thanksgivings and petitions, silently or aloud.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

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Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Please greet those around you with a handshake, a wave, or other sign of God's peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

We give monetary offerings as an act of worship. If you are visiting, please feel no pressure to give. If you would like to give, offering plates are located on the side tables at the front of the sanctuary. You can place your offering there after receiving communion. We also collect

offerings of food and household staples for the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry, our local outreach partner.

THE DOXOLOGY

Celebrant and People stand as able and sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SURSUM CORDA

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Bur chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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Celebrant and People sing

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of power and might

heaven and earth are full of your glory

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

God of power and might

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna, hosanna

in the highest

Hosanna, hosanna

in the highest

Please be seated.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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

forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

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The celebrant breaks the consecrated host. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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All We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

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Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will dismiss you by row to come to the front of the sanctuary. The priest will intinct (dip) the wafer in the wine for you and then put it in your outstretched hand. If you would rather not receive the wine, just tell the priest and you can receive the bread only. Gluten-free wafers are

available; simply ask the priest for one. If you prefer to receive Communion in your seat, please let the usher know.

If you will not be receiving Holy Communion, we still invite you to come forward. Cross your hands across your chest, and we'd be delighted to offer you a blessing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Glorify Thy Name

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Father, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth

Refrain:

Glorify Thy Name
Glorify Thy Name
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth

Jesus, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth *Refrain*

Spirit, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth *Refrain*

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Eternal Lord

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(to the tune of "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

Christ the eternal Lord whose promise here we claim,
whose gifts of grace are freely poured on all who name your Name;
with thankfulness and praise we stand before your throne,
intent to serve you all our days and make your glory known.

Christ the redeeming Son who shares our human birth,
and by his death salvation won for every child of earth;
inspire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love abroad,
that all may honor Christ today and follow him as Lord.

Christ the unfading Light of everlasting day,
our morning star in splendor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;
that light of truth you give to servants as to friends,
your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief journey ends.

Christ the ascended King exalted high above,
whose praise unending ages sing, whom yet unseen we love;
when mortal life is past your voice from heaven's throne
shall call your children home at last to know as we are known.

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The flowers for this Sunday are given by Joe Felt in memory of his son, Michael Felt



MISSION

To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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