

Fifth Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Eucharistic Prayer A,  
Sunday, May 2, 2021

Processional Hymn "We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More"

#296

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Holy Baptism 296

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_

1-3

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.  
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) 10 10 10 with Alleluia

Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

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.*

## Hymn of Praise

## “Christ Our Passover”

#WLP 880

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*Descant*

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

The musical score consists of four systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system is marked 'Descant' and contains the lyrics '3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:'. The second system contains the lyrics '1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;', '2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;', and '3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:'. The third system contains the lyrics 'though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in'. The fourth system contains the lyrics 'There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -', 'death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through', and 'though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in'. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -  
 sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

**The Collect of the Day (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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**

### **First Reading:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40)

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **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 the First letter of John (4:7-21)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"**

**#513**

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1	Like	the	mur - mur	of	the	dove's	song,	like	the
2	To	the	mem - bers	of	Christ's	Bo - dy,	to	the	
3	With	the	heal - ing	of	di - vi - sion,	with	the		

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

*Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.*

**Gospel:**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8)  
*(Glory to you, Lord Christ).*

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 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 the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon (BCP p. 358)**

**The Creed (BCP p. 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People (BCP p. 359)**

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, and Kevin, our bishop, that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound, as we draw our life from the Risen Christ. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our congregation and for Melinda our Rector. Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Melinda, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together we may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you our gifts and talents. We also pray that we who are known by Christ, may gladly welcome into this flock all who will listen to the

Lord's voice and that the Spirit will help us to bear witness to the good news of God's love, in deeds of justice, and service to others. *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 love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those places overwhelmed by the Corvid virus, particularly India and Brazil, that God will slow the spread, give strength to all caregivers, and open opportunities for vaccinations. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For an end to violence in our cities and communities, 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 *Emily Cole Skjöld, Sid Ranck, Jessica Morrow, Gary Zello, Teresa, Megan, Jennifer Taylor, Jane Eldridge, Jared Watson, Jeff Watson, Janet Maier, Becky Fiorello, Erica & family, Ben Viglietta, Colleen Marshall, Jim Shay, John Hinsman, Stefan, the staff at the Robert Packer Hospital and the Guthrie clinic*, and give strength and energy to those who serve and treat them, 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 John Kepner, Andrew Zeller, Michelle Brennan, Ray Elder and Thomas Holland, 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.*

### **The Peace (BCP p. 360)**

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

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

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*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Sursum Corda (BCP p. 361)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

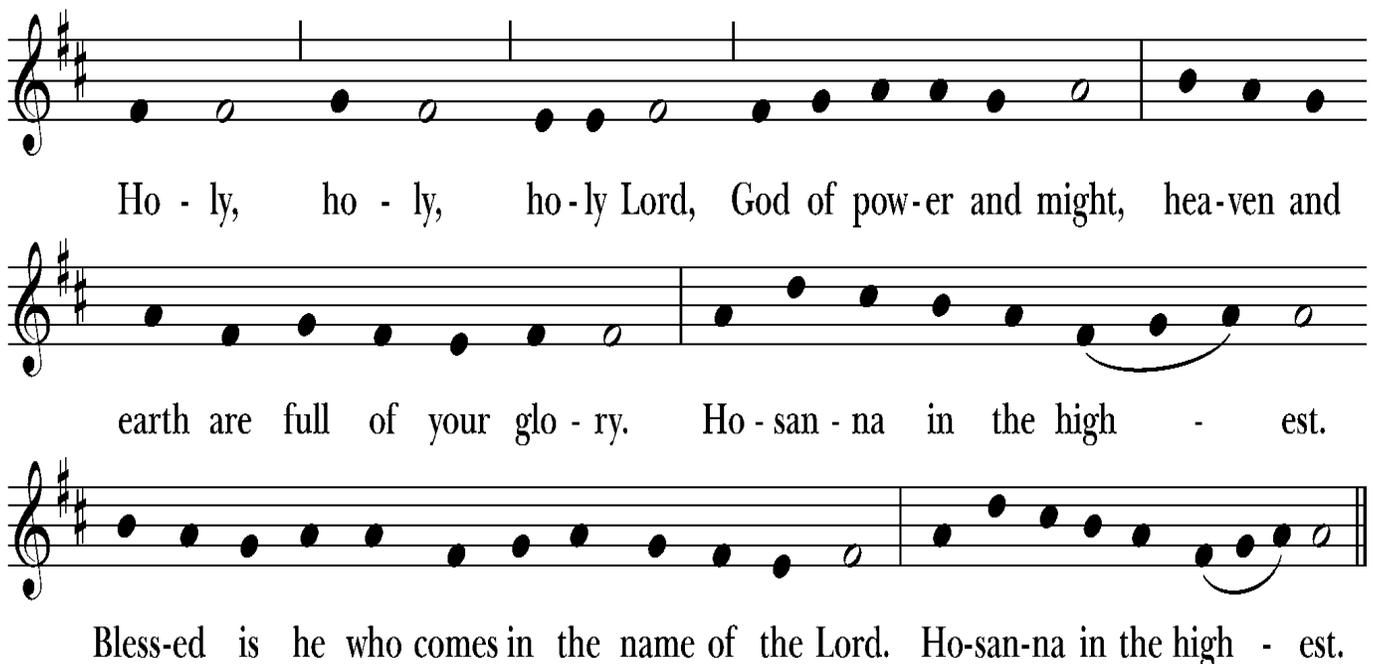
**Proper Preface (BCP p. 361)**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But 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 sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he 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:

**Sanctus S-124 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (BCP p. 362)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Words of Institution (BCP p. 362)**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 (BCP p. 363)**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem S-154

### “Christ our Passover”

(BCP p. 364)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Invitation (BCP p. 364)

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.

*Keeping six feet from anyone NOT in your household; please come forward and pick up your container with wafer and return to your seat. When all have received a wafer, please lower your mask and consume the bread as the priest says:*

### Distribution (BCP p. 365)

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

### Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing:** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; 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**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”**

**#344**

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

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joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

**Dismissal (BCP p. 366)**

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

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

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