

Fifth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **778** *Celebration Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

You are the High Priest of the new Covenant.
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You build us as living stones in the temple of
God.

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You make us fellow-citizens with your saints.

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive
us ✠ our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, who through your only-be-
gotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires, so by
your continual help we may bring them to
good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Acts 8.26–40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise
and go towards the south to the road that
goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a
desert place. And he rose and went. And there
was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of
Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was
in charge of all her treasure. He had come
to Jerusalem to worship and was returning,
seated in his chariot, and he was reading the
prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip,
“Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to
him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet
and asked, “Do you understand what you are
reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless
someone guides me?” And he invited Philip
to come up and sit with 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 before its shearer is silent, so he
opens not his mouth. In his humiliation
justice was denied him. Who can describe his
generation? For his life is taken away from
the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About
whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this,
about himself or about someone else?” Then
Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with
this Scripture he told him the good news
about Jesus. And as they were going along the

road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 22

℟. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. (*All repeat*)

My praise is of the Lord in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of his people.

The poor shall eat and be filled,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him. ℣.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord;
the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over all the nations. ℣.

My soul shall live for him, my children 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. ℣.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 4.7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In

this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No-one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgement, because as he is so also 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 been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN— **819**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15.4,5

Alleluia.

Abide in me as I abide in you:
he who abides in me bears much fruit.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 15.1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. 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. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite the NICENE CREED.

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, (all bow) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (all rise) 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 worshipped 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.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

∨. Lord, hear us. ℣. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ∨. Lord, in your mercy, ℣. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∨. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℣. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All *stand* as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **59**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Through this holy sacrifice, Lord, you have enabled us to share in your own divine love. You have taught us your truth: grant us the grace to live by it; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

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,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN— **383**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **113**

The service may be followed by REGINA CÆLI.

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,

As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

∇. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:

℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**