



**Saint John's**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



May 2nd, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist II

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**Safety Reminders!**

Please wear your mask and maintain social distance while inside the church.  
Remember to use the pews marked 'available for seating'.

*Please take a moment to silence your cell phone or other electronic devices.*

**10:30AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**  
**THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude Introduction & Menuet (*Suite Gothique*) Léon Boëllman (1862-1897)

Procession Hymn 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more tune: *Engelberg*

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.  
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia!

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

Gloria in Excelsis S-280

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Glorify 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.

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.

First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

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 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 eu-

nuch 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.**

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 \*

Second Lesson

1 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. 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.**

Call to Children's Chapel

Sequence Hymn 182 (vs 1, 2, & 5)

Christ is alive

tune: *Truro*

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. James P. Biedenharn III

Nicene Creed (*Say together*)

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.

Prayers of the People, Form III (*Leader & People*)

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Phoebe Roaf and the Diocese of West Tennessee; for St. George's, Germantown; for our parish St. John's, Memphis; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Memphis Police Chief nominee Cerelyn "C.J." Davis. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for Man-na House and their food, clothing, and shelter ministry in Memphis. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Julie Mowery. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list including Anne Barton, Mary Ann Chandler, Joyce Crockett, Chris Edge, Jr., Scott Edge, Janine Goetze, Howard Golwen, Damon Graff, Tom Horton, Myra Ann Kelso, Ty Legge, Charlie Lewis, Stacy Loftis, Michael Lombardo, Abbay Milnor, Lois Robinson, Anne Speer, Hayley Futrell Stapp, Kathy Miller Wells, Pam Willis, and Dot Work.

I ask your thanksgiving for Mark and Linda Banks, and God's blessing upon their move to the Gulf Coast.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

The Peace

*Please remain in place and share the Peace through signing it, bowing, waving, or smiling, while keeping social distance.*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The offering plates located at the front of the nave are available for your offerings before and after the service. For those of you joining us from home or preferring contactless giving, text GIVE to 901-329-3645.*

Offertory Hymn 529

In Christ there is no East or West

Tune: *McKee*

1 In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In Him meet North and South;  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
Is surely kin to me.

The Great Thanksgiving- Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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

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

Sanctus S-129

Robert Powell

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.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer (In unison)

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei S-163

Robert Powell

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

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

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

**The Communion of the People:** *We will offer communion in one kind, the consecrated bread. Priests will take the consecrated bread to the stations. Ushers will dismiss by row and direct you to the station. Please remain in a socially distant line 6 feet behind the person in front of you. Leave your mask on while in line and when in front of the priest, who will wear a mask and drop the wafer into your hands for you to place in your own mouth. Step to the side and remove your mask to consume the bread. Please replace your mask as soon as you can after consumption. \*Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

**Post-Communion Prayer** (Say together)

**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.**

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**MINISTERS IN SERVICE**

Preacher	The Rev. James P. Biedenharn III
Celebrant	The Rev. Miranda Cully
Lectors	Sissie Griffin, Gil Uhlhorn
Intercessor	Bruce Smedley
Ushers	
Team 4	Leader: Fitzhugh Taylor

**GIFTS**

In Memory of James Gordon  
 By *Laurie Thornton*

**PRAYER LIST**

The complete prayer list can be viewed in the Prayers of the People, pages 4 and 5. To add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact Miranda or Margaret.

**VESTRY**

<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>
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**Altar Flowers**  
*Given to the Glory of God*

**High Altar**  
 In Loving Memory of Mimi Smith Mallory and Mimi Reid Smith  
*By Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mallory*

**Holy Spirit and Lady Chapels**  
 In Memory of Bryan D. Lawton, The Reverend Canon Wallace M. Pennepacker and Frances R. Pennepacker,  
 William G. Pennepacker and Dorothy E. Pennepacker  
*By Jane and Steve Pienaar*

The Paschal Candle Was Given  
 In Memory of Johnnie McManus Stephenson,  
 Franklin Stephenson, Jose Rangel Montaña  
 By Clyde Stephenson

**Announcements**

**Virtual Adult Formation: Sundays @9:15 via Zoom**

**April 11-May16:**

Led by clergy and in group discussion, we are reading David Zahl's book *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do About It*. How are these secular replacements for God draining us and making us feel less than enough? Join us as we discover together a new appreciation for the Grace of God which covers us always.

**Barth House Wednesday Noon Eucharist**

We are pleased to support the newly renovated Barth House, the Episcopal college ministry for the Diocese of West Tennessee at the University of Memphis. The Barth House, located at 409 Patterson Avenue, offers socially distanced Eucharist each Wednesday at noon.

**Upcoming Baptismal Dates**

Upcoming baptismal Sundays include May 23 and June 13. Please contact Antoinette if interested in scheduling a baptism.

**Interim Organist**

We are pleased to welcome Walton Griffin as our interim organist!

**Birthdays May 2—8**

(2) Tyne Brownlow, Philip Weber, Ethan Shepherd,  
 Brooks Daniel  
 (3) Eva Phillips  
 (4) Bobby Canter, Collins Roll

(6) Fitzhugh Taylor, Jr., Val Smith  
 (7) Carol Walker, Cooper Burt, Mac Baker  
 (8) Armen Hanissian, Clyde Musgrave

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