



# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024

*Our liturgy may be found in the red **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**, beginning on page 355. Hymns may be found in the blue **Hymnal 1982**.*

*You are invited to enter in reverence as we prayerfully prepare to share in the worship of our Lord.*

**Voluntary:** *Psalm Meditations* Dennis Janzer  
*Your Heart Shall Live Forever (Ps. 22:26);*  
*Honor and Majesty in God's Work (Ps. 111:3)*

### The Welcome

## The Word of God

**Procession:** *Love divine, all loves excelling* Hymn 657

*The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity* BCP 355

**Glory to God:** *Gloria in excelsis* Hymnal S-278

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day* BCP 225

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### The Lessons

**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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Chanted by the Choir.*

- 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.

**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. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Procession** **Hymn 513**  
*Like the murmur of the dove’s song*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John** **15:1–8**

*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.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People, Form III** **BCP 387**

**Confession of Sin** **BCP 360**

**The Peace** **BCP 360**

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

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offering**

*We thank you for your continued support to the Cathedral’s work of sharing God’s love and peace.*

**Offertory Anthem: Gaelic Blessing** John Rutter

**Offertory Hymn: Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

## The Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Hymnal S-128

## The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

## The Fraction Anthem

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Hymnal S-165

## The Ministration of Communion

*All are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. You may sip the wine directly from the chalice, or you may intinct the wafer in the wine yourself.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms to indicate your choice.*

*You may receive kneeling at the rail, standing in front of the Sisters Altar, or at your seat. **Gluten-free wafers are available**; please alert the Minister distributing the bread.*

**Communion Solo:** *The Resurrection*

Pearl G. Curran

**Communion Cantic**

Hymnal S-49

*Alleluia, Christ our Passover — Pascha nostrum*

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP 365


**The Blessing**

**Procession:** *Come away to the skies*

Hymn 213

**The Dismissal**

*The People respond:*



*Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.*

**Voluntary**

Dennis Janzer

*Majestic Trumpet: Behold the Majesty of the Lord*

*Although our service is concluded with the Dismissal, you are welcome to remain seated, if you like, for the Postlude.*

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**Please join us after the service  
for hospitality in Martyrs Hall**

## Scheduled to Serve this Sunday

*Celebrant/Homilist:* Dean Gary Meade

*Verger:* Scott Blake    *Crucifer:* Ruth Watson

*Chalice:* Loveday Nwobilor and John Tackett

*Lectors:* Robert Fudge and Sybil Onwuka

*Prayers:* Billy Pullen

*Ushers:* Lizzie Fudge, Ian Edwards, and Robert Watson

*Altar Guild:* Jan Morrell and Nicole Thomas

## Cathedral Leadership and Mission Council

Pat Kelly, *Senior Warden*      David Nelson, *Junior Warden*

George Clarke, *Treasurer*      Melissa Bridgman, *Secretary*

Jeffrey Berry, Lizzie Fudge, Terra Nwobilor,

Jaelyn Suffel, and Clay Templeton

## Supporting the Ministries of St. Mary's

You are invited to share in the work, life, and ministries of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral by donating online at [www.stmarysmemphis.org](http://www.stmarysmemphis.org) or by scanning this QR code.



**Daughters of the King** meets every second Monday.

All women are invited. *Contact:* Laura Williams.

## Praying for our Cathedral Family & Beyond

*We pray for those with short-term needs:* Cille; Pat George; the Rev. Colenzo Hubbard; Luke Lewis; Carol Morris; and Julie Powell.

*We pray for those with long-term needs:* the Blanton family; Bill Boykin; Susan Carroll; Marilyn Dunavant; Madeleine Edwards; Carolyn Ford; Kenneth Ford; Boo Gee; Cheryl Gentry; Frank Hart; John Hater; Charles Hebert; Nora Kaltakdjian; Steve Kite-Powell; Quin Knox; Bill Lutz; Kirsty Maclean; Jenks McCrory; Cindy & Brandon Patterson; Amy Nell Reed; Laura Kathryn Redden; Margaret Said; Nancy Schaffer; Janis Sharpe; Andrew Leslie Smith, Jr.; Martha Pullen Taylor; David Thomas; Ekeesha Tolbert; Judy Tucker; and Brother Cornelius Yancy.

*We pray for those serving in the armed forces:* Victor Galloway, U.S. Navy & Melanie Galloway; Ian Harvey (brother of Natalie); S/Sgt. Sean Harber, U.S. Army (grandson of Jerry & Carol); Capt. Nicholas Wilde, U.S. Army (grandson of Jim and Julie Powell); Charlie Lewis (son of Charles Lewis).

*If anyone you know is sick, hospitalized, or needs attention from the clergy and to add names to our Prayer List, call or text Dean Gary Meade at 731-589-3370 or email him at [gmeade@stmarysmemphis.org](mailto:gmeade@stmarysmemphis.org).*

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## Cathedral Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, *Bishop*  
The Rev. Gary Meade, *Interim Dean*  
Dr. Dennis Janzer, *Director of Music*  
Dr. Richard Townley, *Choirmaster & Assistant Organist*  
Mr. Andrew Pouncey, *Parish Administrator*  
Mr. Mark Henderson, *Building Manager*

## Worship Times

Sundays: **Holy Eucharist**, Rite II at 10 AM  
Wednesdays: **Noonday Prayers** online at 12 PM  
Saturdays: **Morning Prayer**, Rite II at 9 AM

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# Announcements *for the* Week of April 28

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## Faith Formation

**Adult Formation: *From the Early Church to Today's Cathedral.*** On Sundays at 11:30 Dean Gary Meade and the Rev. Jerry Harber are leading a six-week series based on the Book of Acts exploring both the earliest days of Christianity and what we can learn today as we grow as St. Mary's Cathedral in love, grace, and wisdom.



**Bookshop Roundtable: *How can we understand — and even like — the hard sayings of Jesus?*** Join the Rev. Jerry Harber for this informative and ongoing series hosted and held at The Episcopal Bookshop on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

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## Calvary Episcopal Church at the Cathedral

Continuing through May 15, our friends from Calvary Episcopal Church are bringing their Wednesday evening ministries to the Cathedral as they begin a long-awaited renovation project at their church. Please feel free to come on Wednesday starting at with a dinner at 5:15 and more. And you are especially invited to join the Rev. Paul McLain of Calvary for an Adult Formation class which will be studying N.T. Wright's book, *Surprised by Hope*.



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## Supporting the Dean's Discretionary Fund

On the first Sunday of each month an offering plate will be placed on the rail going up to the altar for anyone who wishes to contribute to Dean Gary's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used to support those in need in our St. Mary's family as well as those additional neighbors needing assistance. Thank you for your support!



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## Flowers on the Altar

**Flowers on the Altar** each Sunday may be scheduled, dedicated, and paid for with Bruce Berry, 901-659-5800. A donation of \$100 provides the Sunday arrangement. **Flowers this Sunday** are given to the Glory of God by **George and Marsha Callow** in Thanksgiving for the 29th Anniversary of their Wedding.



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## Christian Education for Children

Children's Christian education is offered from 9–9:50 in the Moody Wing with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, led by Terra Nwobilor, for 3-year-olds – kindergarten and Sunday School for kids in 1st through 5th grades, led by Marsha Callow and Vickie Baselski.



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## Hope and Food — Saturdays

All are invited into Sisters Chapel on Saturday morning at 9 am for a time of Morning Prayer, followed by a 'Brown Bag Breakfast' offering to all our neighbors. Or join us at 8 am to volunteer to share in this ministry.



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## Making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord

If you know of a singer who you think would enjoy making great sacred music at our Cathedral, please encourage that friend to join us a 9:00 am in the choir room any given Sunday for a quick rehearsal. All are welcome!

