

—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL

CHOIR AT 9:00AM: SAINT NICHOLAS CHOIR & LAY CLERKS; 11:15AM: LAY CLERKS

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: DR JUSTIN APPEL

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: DR JEFFREY CAMPBELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CLAIR DE LUNE

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

Guest Pianist: Jessie Jewitt

OPENING HYMN

HYMNAL 296

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA

S-278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP P225

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, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 8: 26-40

A reading from the Book of Acts.

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.**

PSALM 22: 24-30

SUNG BY THE CHOIR

ANGLICAN CHANT

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.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 4: 7-21

A reading from John's first letter.

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.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMNAL 529

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

IF YE LOVE ME

THOMAS TALLIS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-128

AGNUS DEI

HYMNAL S-165

COMMUNION ANTHEM

9:00AM MAGNIFICAT FROM EVENING SERVICE IN A MAJOR
11:15AM MY EYES FOR BEAUTY PINE

HERBERT SUMS
HERBERT HOWELLS

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMNAL 576

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

HYMNAL 610

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TOCCATA ON "LLANFAIR"

REBECCA TEVELDE