

EUCCHARIST for the FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Music before the service – Selection of anthems

We are welcomed to worship by Angelique

First hymn - Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president offers her own welcome
and explains the eucharistic theme for
the day

Minister Christ our Passover lamb
of the has been sacrificed for us.
Word Let us therefore rejoice by putting away
all malice and evil and confessing our
sins
with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

Minister Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail
of the to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Word Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Minister of the Word Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your
followers.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Minister of the Word Like Thomas in the upper room, we are
slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord.
All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All 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.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray that we may reign
with the risen Christ in glory.

The president then leads the prayer for the day (from book)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards 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.

Acts 8 v 26 – end

At the end of the reading ...

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Thando

A reading from the first letter of John.

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 Saviour 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 judgement, 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.

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – Love is his word, love is his way

Gospel Reading – Revd Bennett

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
 I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
 and the living one; I was dead, and
 behold I am alive for evermore.
All Alleluia.
Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

'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.

At the end of the Gospel ..

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

Sermon – Revd Bennett

Affirmation of Faith

President Let us declare our faith in the Resurrection
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Intercessions – led by Catherine

President In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

Intercessor

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

Please stand.

President The risen Christ came
and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

All The peace of the risen Christ
be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The offertory hymn is I, the Lord of sea
and sky

Offertory Hymn – I, the Lord of sea and sky

Preparation of the Table

President Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
and make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things
from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Through him you have freed us from
the slavery of sin, giving him to be born
of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on
high.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made
us a people for your own possession.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave
a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious
name, for ever praising you and saying:

All 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.

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ, and as we follow his example
and obey his command, grant that by the
power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of
bread and wine may be to us his body
and his blood; who, in the same night
that he was betrayed, took bread and
gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it
to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty Resurrection
and glorious Ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup we
make the memorial of Christ your Son
our Lord. Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

President Accept through him, our great high
priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and
praise, and as we eat and drink these
holy gifts in the presence of your divine

majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

All Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei - Mass of St Cedd, Nardone, Agnus Dei

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.

Invitation to Communion

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion

Communion Hymn – The call by Richard Lloyd
Amazing grace by Vanessa Williams

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said. All respond
Amen.

NOTICES

Final Prayer

MOW We say together ...
All Father of all, we give you thanks and
praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us
home. Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life; we who drink his cup
bring life to others; we whom the Spirit
lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope
you have set before us, so we and all
your children shall be free, and

the whole earth live to praise your
name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending Out

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

President God, who through the
Resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ has given us
the victory, give you joy
and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain
with you always.
All Amen.

President Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia,
alleluia!

Final hymn - O Jesus I have promised

Music after the service - GF Handel - Largo (Ombra mai fu)