

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • HOLY EUCHARIST

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

About this Gathering

Easter is the highest holiday of the Christian year because it is a celebration of the event that defines our Church: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. During Easter Season, the confession is dormant and the word alleluia ("Praise the Lord"), unspoken during the 40 days of Lent, is proclaimed enthusiastically. The Easter Season brings the promise of new life and continues for 50 days until Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Prelude

Hymn 657 | *Love divine, all loves excelling*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

The apostles were glad, alleluia:

When they saw the risen Lord, alleluia.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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• Playas de Rosarito

The test of
Christianity is
not loving Jesus,
it's loving Judas.

Song of Praise | *Gloria, gloria, gloria* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria — en - las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, — glo - ry to God — on high

y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - qué - llos — que a - ma el Se - ñor. —
and on earth peace to all peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.*

Acts 8:26-40 | Philip is an evangelist to an Ethiopian eunuch a despised outsider.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then 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, the 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 22:24-30 | The psalmist describes the distress they are suffering and their trust in God.

Let us read Psalm 22 responsively.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
 My soul shall live for him; my descendants 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.

1 John 4:7-21 | God's indwelling g in the Christ-follower is manifested in love for one another.

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 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 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 a brother or sister 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 487 | *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

John 15:1-8 | The life of a Christ-follower is an active and committed life. There cannot be a living, unproductive branch. The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Creed | *Sung to Hyfrydol*



1. We be - lieve__ in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by __ whose plan
2. Christ, who on __ the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,
3. We be - lieve __ in God the Spi - rit; in one Churce, be - low, __ a - bove:



earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cen - ded to __ the dead.
saints of God __ in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness __ and love.



We be - lieve__ in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God __ in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve__ in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's King __ to rule __ and reign,
So by faith, __ our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to __ the Fa - ther's side __ as - cen - ded till as judge he comes a - gain.
we __ shall rise __ with him __ in glo - ry to the life __ that knows no end.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Prayers of the People

In hope and gladness, let us pray to God, the Creator of all.

Silence

God of love, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son we ask you to bless this joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people for all baptized Christ-followers and for their bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership. Pray for God's church. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nations—for our presidents and prime minister, our governors, Parliament and Congress, and the courts of the lands. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice.

Pray for justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help. Pray for those who suffer around the world. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless, especially _____
(The People respond either silently or aloud.). Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give comfort to those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home as well for those who have died, especially _____ (The People respond either silently or aloud.). Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love which knows no limits of time or space. Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

That we may live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us and who loves us still.

Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you and give you thanks for the gift of joyful spirits. Amen.

For the Great Fifty Days of Easter, St. Mary's follows the early Church practice of omitting the Confession of Sin in a desire to joyfully celebrate the power and grace of God in the new life of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION | Please share Communion with us

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude | Give in Person with Offering Basket, by US Mail or Online. Gifts received are blessed with this prayer: "Generous God, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen."

Hymn 410 | *Praise my soul, the King of heaven*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Great Thanksgiving

Set your minds on things that are above, and not on things that are on the earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Alleluia.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

WLP 785 | *Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread & Communion

Alleluia! Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table,
St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing Over the People

May Christ, who by death has destroyed death and who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life so that you may be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you; And may God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

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Hymn 448 | O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Let us bless our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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