



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 2, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

**Mass: Rite II**

*We are delighted to welcome you to our online liturgy. During this time of Shelter in Place, we regret that we cannot administer Holy Communion to most of you. Nonetheless, we remain one in the Spirit through our receiving of Spiritual Communion.*

**The Prelude:** To You, our Creator, we offer our praise

**The Welcome**

**The Introit Hymn:** *Abbot's Leigh*

*Hymn #379*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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*The people standing*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen. *BCP, Page 355*

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

### *The Collect for Purity*

**All: 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.**

## The Gloria

## Hymnal #S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - 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.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*All:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* 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. (Seated)*

## ***The Sermon***

### ***The First Lesson: Acts 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

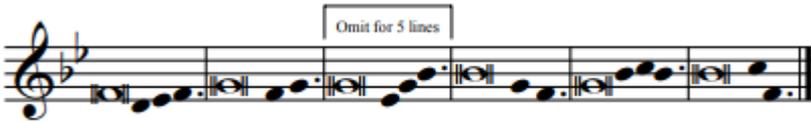
the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** *Deus, Deus meus*

*Psalm 22:24-30*

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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.

### **The Epistle: 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.**

***The Gospel:*** *John 15:1-8*

*(Standing)*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All:* **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."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

***The Nicene Creed***

*BCP, page 358*

**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. 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.**

*The Intercessions: (Kneeling)*

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people—for our 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 nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. 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. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home. We pray especially for Bettie Davis, Frank Saunders, Arjun Katyan, and Janet Mc Annally.

Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Violet Carter. Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray?

*All:* **Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**

### *The Confession & Absolution*

God is love and we are his children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because he loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (*Silence*)

*All:* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy on you, (+) forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### *The Peace*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I leave with you; my own peace do I give you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and grant us peace and unity according to your will, who lives and reigns God throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

(*Standing*)

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All:* **And also with you.**  
*Priest:* Let us offer one another some sign of Peace.

**The Offertory Sentence:** God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

**The Offertory Hymn** *I Am The Vine* Hymn 672

Refrain

I am the vine, you are the branch-es. Re-main in  
 me, you shall be fruit-ful. Love for the world,  
 hope for the hope-less.

Verses

1. If you love, then you must root your-self  
 2. If you give, then you must give your-self  
 in me; For the branch will  
 to me; For the well will  
 fail and die with-out the tree.  
 soon run dry with-out the sea.

D.C.

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*The Eucharistic Prayer* (from the Scottish Episcopal Church)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.  
Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order  
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,  
proclaims the dawn of hope.  
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,  
your breath is power  
to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,  
freed by him who burst from the tomb  
and opened the gate of life,  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

# The Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal #S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb  
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.  
From the Garden the mystery shone clear  
that he whom they had loved and lost  
is with us now, in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,  
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,  
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,  
he renewed the promise of his presence  
and of new birth in the Spirit  
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,

the night in which slaves walked free,  
at supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command:

***All: We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.***

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by your Spirit’s life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised  
into the fellowship of Christ’s Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage

in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.**Amen.**  
**Amen.**

*Priest:* And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say:  
**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  
forever and ever. Amen**

***The Fraction:***

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

***All:* Though we are many, we are One Body, because we all share in one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.  
*[The Eucharist may be consumed]*

**The Agnus Dei:**

**Hymnal #S164**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*In this season, when our whole community of faith cannot gather together, we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist – a gift that we hold all the more precious in these days when we cannot share the one bread and the one cup. Yet, even in the absence of this sacramental sharing, the mystical Communion between Christ and his church, and among us as members of Christ’s body, remains unbroken. And so, mindful of this deep bond of the Spirit, let us unite ourselves to Christ and one another.*

*The Post-communion Prayer:*

Lord, you have nourished us with the Easter sacrament:  
fill us with the spirit of your love,  
and unite us in faith;  
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Announcements*

*The Benediction:*

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work;  
working in you that which is pleasing and good;

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen

*The Recessional Hymn: Hyfrydol*

*Hymnal #657*

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.

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**The Dismissal.**

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**The Postlude:** *Embers*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Sunday	May 2	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Zoom Coffee Hour
		4:00 pm	Zoom Youth Group Mtg
Monday	May 3	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	May 4		
Wednesday	May 5	10:00 am	Contemplative Meditation
Thursday	May 6		
Friday	May 7		
Saturday	May 8		
Sunday	May 9		

We are looking for additional Lectors and Intercessors please contact Margie Lee at [stambrosefc@att.net](mailto:stambrosefc@att.net) if you are interested in joining our Sunday Services to be added to our rotation.

**TODAY**

**Sunday, May 2, 11:00 am:** Zoom Coffee Hour, contact Ali Le Blanc on 650-281-9236 for questions  
 Join Zoom Meeting with the following link: [Zoom Coffee Hour Meeting ID: 872 7420 6121](#)  
 Passcode: 681474

**Sunday, May 2, 4:00 pm Zoom Youth Group Meeting**

For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at [ym\\_stambrosefc@att.net](mailto:ym_stambrosefc@att.net) or 650-799-7084

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, May 3, 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study.** For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at [dtate@ses.cdsp.edu](mailto:dtate@ses.cdsp.edu) or 650-799-7084

**Contemplative Meditation**

Father Shane will be guiding a thirty-minute weekly contemplative meditation on Wednesdays at 10am, We're fortunate that in his previous life Father Shane was a monk and are looking forward to sharing this experience with him. Please send an email to Hamilton Fong ([hfgongster@gmail.com](mailto:hfgongster@gmail.com)) or to Nilda Chong ([nchongmd@gmail.com](mailto:nchongmd@gmail.com)) if you wish to be included in the Zoom invitation.

**Prayer list:** We pray especially for Peggy Redmond, Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Charlene Adolph, Miles Martin, Frank Brown, Barbara and John Milligan, Ed Avakoff, Peter Gee, Nellie Wong, Max Gumbert, Isabella, Ding Jai Li, Jerry Boykin, Carol Newman, Clara Padilla, Bettie Davis, Frank Saunders, Arjun Katyan, Janet McAnnally

*[Please contact the parish office to add any names of the sick and suffering to be prayed for in our monthly cycle of prayer.]*

**The Altar Flowers are given by**

Valerie Mersh in loving memory of Violet Carter

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:**

The Diocese of Buhiga (Burundi), Diocese of Bujumbura (Bundai), Diocese of Bulava (Congo), Diocese of Buled (Uganda)

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:**

Jessica Fellows Jessica Hansen, Elisabeth Rosen, Dr. Malcolm Young, Barbara Bender Breck, Patricia Cummings, Dr. Raymond Hoche-Mong, Paul Burrows, David Ota, and Paul Strid

## ***The Mission of St. Ambrose Church of Foster City***

Is to proclaim the Good News of God  
in Jesus Christ as we care for each other and  
our larger community. We worship in the  
Episcopal and Anglican tradition, extending  
an open and inclusive invitation to all  
people, welcoming children into our church family  
and serving those in need.

### **Worship Leaders Thank You to Each of You**

*The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen, Interim Rector*  
*Jim Neubert/Yvonne Sidell Lectors*  
*Daniel Tate, Intercessor*  
*Hamilton Fong, Cantor*  
*Frank Saunders, Organist*  
*Lydia McIntyre/Shelley Keefe Technicians*

Thank you to the Worship Team and virtual congregation for joining in worship.

#### **Lector/Intercessor Rota:**

*2 May (R) Jim Neubert/Yvonne Sidell*  
*Daniel Tate (I)*  
*9 May (R) Warren Wong/David McIntyre*  
*Cathy Rincon (I)*  
*16 May (R) Maureen Fromme/Jim Neubert*  
*Yvonne Sidell (I)*  
*23 May (R) David McIntyre/Cathy Rincon*  
*Shelley Keefe (I)*  
*30 May (R) Warren Wong/Yvonne Sidell*  
*Jim Neubert (I)*  
*6 June (R) Cathy Rincon/Shelley Keefe*  
*David McIntyre (I)*

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