



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING—ARVADA, COLORADO

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO  
APRIL 28, 2024, 9:30 A.M.

**Prelude**

**Gathering Hymn**

**On This Day**

**Blue Hymnal 47**

On this day, the first of days, God the Father's Name we praise.  
Who, creation's Lord and spring, did the world from darkness bring.

On this day the eternal Son over death his triumph won;  
On this day the Spirit came with his gifts of living flame.

Maker, who didst fashion me image of thyself to be,  
Fill me with thy love divine, let my every thought be thine.

Holy Jesus, may I be dead and buried here with thee;  
And, by love inflamed, arise unto thee a sacrifice.

Thou, who dost all gifts impart, shine, blest Spirit, in my heart;  
Best of gifts, thyself bestow; make me burn thy love to know.

God, the blessed Three in One, dwell within my heart alone;  
Thou dost give thyself to me; help me give myself to thee.

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

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.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Glory to God**

**Blue Hymnal S-280**

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.**

**Collect of the Day**

**BCP 225**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* 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.**

## First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

*Reader:* 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.."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22:24-30** (read responsively by half verse)

<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

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

<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

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

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

**he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*

**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

**the saving deeds that he has done.**

## Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

*Reader:* 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 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.**

**Gradual Anthem**

**In Christ There is No East or West**

**Blue Hymnal 529**

In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North.  
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North.  
All Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

**Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

*Priest:* 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."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Austin Leininger**

**Nicene Creed**

**BCP 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 and the Son.  
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.

### Prayers of the People

*Intercessor:* God of resurrection and life, in this season of celebration and joy, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Kym, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. As we carry the joy of Eastertide into our troubled and uncertain world, utilize us during this season of resurrection to be your agents of compassion, reconciliation, and love. God of resurrection and life,

**People: Hear our prayers for the church.** *Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

*Intercessor:* God of justice and hope, we pray for our nation and for all the nations of the world: As we rise with Christ in this season, from the darkness of winter and the tomb into the light and life of spring and resurrection, guide us into reconciliation, peace, and unity across barriers of politics, language, color, and creed. May our world leaders, elected, appointed, and otherwise, strive for justice and equality, and serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of justice and hope,

**People: Hear our prayers for the world.** *Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

*Intercessor:* God of creation and new life, we pray for all parts of this sacred earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For oceans and dry land, for oxygen renewing plant-life, for animals and all things that creep, swim, and fly, and for the breath of life that surrounds us. As the hands and heart of our resurrected Christ in our world, remind us of our interdependence with the earth, and our calling to love, serve, and care for all that you have made. God of creation and new life,

**People: Hear our prayers for the earth.** *Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

*Intercessor:* God of reconciliation and love, we pray for hope and equity in this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces; for all impacted by hatred or injustice. As we continue to encounter our resurrected Christ in our world today, kindle in each of us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. God of reconciliation and love,

**People: Hear our prayers for this community.** *Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

*Intercessor:* God of healing and care, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those suffering from poverty or infirmity; for refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice; both for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. As we are bid to rise to new life in Christ, awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit to seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of healing and care,

**People: Hear our prayers for all who are in need.** *Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

*Intercessor:* God of respite and eternal life, we pray for those who have died; for saints in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; for departed victims of Covid-19; and for all the communion of saints. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of respite and eternal life,

**People: Hear our prayers for those who have died.** *Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

*Intercessor:* God of blessing and abundance, we give thanks for the blessings of our lives and hearts—that give us hope, peace, blessing, grace, and fill us with love. Amidst this time of Easter celebration and joy, let us offer our thanksgivings! God of blessing and abundance,

**People: Hear our prayers of thanksgiving!** *Add your prayers of thanksgiving, silently or aloud*

### Concluding Collect

*Presider:* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. As we rise with Christ to new life in this season of mystery and hope, make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may

be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **In Christ Alone**

**Yellow CTK Songbook 83**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

#### **Sanctus**

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Yellow CTK Songbook 3s**

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.

*Celebrant continues:* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our

Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

### **Memorial Acclamation**

**Blue Hymnal S-140**

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,  
And we pray to you, Lord our God.

*Celebrant continues:* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **Lords Prayer**

**Yellow CTK Songbook 5s**

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. Amen.

**Fraction Anthem**

Blue Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,  
 Therefore let us keep the feast.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**People:** In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we gather at your table, whether virtually or physically, to receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood. We beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts, Lord Christ; cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*The wine is administered from either the main chalice or the gluten-free (GF) chalice. Standard reception is to take a sip from the cup. If you do not wish to sip from the cup, you may intinct (instructions to follow), or you may cross your arms over your chest to signify you do not wish to receive the cup (or you may always leave the rail before the cup comes to you). Remember that communion in one part is still full communion. If you wish to intinct (dip your wafer in the wine), leave your wafer in the open palm of your hand. The chalice minister (with a gloved hand) will intinct your wafer for you and return it to your open palm. GF wafer and chalice are available—let the celebrant (priest) know at the communion rail.*

**Communion Hymns****All the Love of God**

Yellow CTK Songbook 4

*Refrain:* All the love of God in a tiny piece of bread,  
 All the love you need to be fed.  
 All the love of God in a tiny piece of bread,  
 All the love you need to be fed.

Come to me, you shall not hunger. Be assured that you are loved.  
 Believe in Me, you shall not thirst. My love for you knows no bounds. *(refrain)*

These are God's gifts for His people, remember Jesus died for you.  
 And then He rose to life eternal. Take this bread that you might live too. *(refrain)*

**Revive Us Again**

Yellow CTK Songbook 128

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
 For Jesus, who died and is now gone above,

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!  
 Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of Light,  
 Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. *(refrain)*

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
 Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain. *(refrain)*

Revive us again; fill each heart with thy love,  
 May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. *(refrain 2x)*

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body**

and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

### Closing Hymn

### Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

### Blue Hymnal 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found.

So that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,  
Fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

### Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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