Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021
10:30 AM    Holy Eucharist

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing
(John 15:5 NIV)

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PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

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1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, 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-bounded 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.
EASTER GREETING

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Said together

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

1. Glory, glory, hallelujah!
2. I feel so much better.

1. Since I laid my burden down.
2. Since I laid my burden down,

1. Glory, glory, hallelujah!
2. I feel so much better,

1. Since I laid my burden down.
2. Since I laid my burden down.

3. Feel like shouting hallelujah

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

A n 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  Deux, Deus meus

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.

SECOND LESSON  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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SUNG HALLE, HALLE
All stand and sing before and after the Gospel is read

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
THE NICENE CREED

Standing, as able

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
Gracious God we thank you for Springtime. For white blossoms and magnolias, for green unfurling maple leaves, for the renewal of nature and of our hope. We bless you for the seasons of Connecticut, and the riches of nature all around.
On this Sabbath day,
We give you thanks

In this Easter season, we praise you for our own renewed life, in the power and assurance of your resurrection. Give us grace so that we, like Philip, might be always alert and ready to tell those you place in our path of the life you give. Teach us the skills and the joy of sharing Christ with others.
Gracious God,
Hear our Prayer.

As we give thanks for vaccines and the return of normality, we hold before you those areas of the world that are seeing devastating returns of infection. We pray for the people of India, especially those who are grieving lost family members, and for regional governments, hospitals, and all those in charge of managing the outbreaks. We think of all the other countries with high death rates right now, for Brazil, Turkey, Argentina, Iraq and Lebanon, and ask for your mercy, and provision of the resources needed.
Gracious God,
Hear our Prayer.

Closer to home, we bring those on our church prayer list to you. As I read the names and we ask the Lord to be close to each person, perhaps you could hold one name in mind, and pray for the person or couple and their particular needs. We pray for Alene & Oyarma, Chris and Leslie, Darlene, Gena, Gun, Julia, Krista, Lisa, and Pam.
Gracious God,
Hear our Prayer.

We lift up in thanksgiving those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Aidan and Ava, Sharyn, Will, and Jessica.
Gracious God,
Hear our Prayer.

We remember those who have died and commit them to God’s gracious care. May the Spirit of the Risen Christ comfort and sustain their family and friends.
Gracious God,
Hear our Prayer.
Celebrant: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God
We are often not the Easter People
that we should be,
living in the certain knowledge
of your great mercy and love.
Pour into us today such an assurance of your love for us
That we may truly go out and love our neighbor
In Christ’s name. AMEN.

THE PEACE
Celebrant: La paz del Senor sea siempre con ustedes. People: Y con tu espíritu.
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: And also with you.
The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants
Aidan, Ava, Sharyn, Will, and Jessica as they begin another year. Grant that they
may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the
days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

OFFERTORY
Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and
labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

PRESENTATION

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

Corazón sabe decir: santísima Señor.
Heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (p. 367)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds:
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Celebrant:
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy
to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues:
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul, St. James, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

THE GREAT AMEN
And now, as our Savior has 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 for ever and ever.
AMEN.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace.
Celebrant:
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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

EASTER BLESSING
Celebrant:
Living Christ, you are risen from the dead!
Love reigns!
Raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.
CLOSING HYMN    H304

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for-
2 I come with Christians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 Together met, together bound, we'll

given, loved, and free, in awe and wonder
find, as all are fed, the new community
proud division ends. That love that made us
presence, always near, is in such friendship
go our different ways, and as his people

to recall his life laid down for me.
ty of love in Christ's communion bread.
makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
better known: we see, and praise him here.
in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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We continue to livestream our Sunday morning service at 10:30 am. Please note that you cannot access the Sunday morning service via Zoom. Go to our website: www.stpaulstjames.org

You can, however, use Zoom to participate in our Compline services every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. by clicking the following link: St. PJ’s Compline
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

Celebrant: The Rev. Harlon Dalton

Preacher: David F. Potter, Seminarian Intern

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**PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS**

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and their families and friends.

We remember our loved ones who have died.

*Blessed are they who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors.* -Revelations 14:13

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**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

We give thanks for the birthdays of members, friends, and supporters of the St. PJ’s community.

Aidan & Ava Thompson (5/2)
Sharyn D’Urso (5/3)
Will Cleary (5/4)
Jessica Armstrong (5/6)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing... -Romans 15:13

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**ST. PJ’S PRAYER LIST**

The list reflects prayer requests for those who are homebound, or who have long-term concerns. During the Prayers of the People we read aloud the names of those who are experiencing acute illness or distress.

Charles Harris  
Eleanor Barrett  
John DeRosa  
Pam Sayre  
Darlene Smith  
Robert  
Julia  
Kathie  
Stephen Lett  
Bernard Walker  
Gary & Susan Sapp  
Wilma & Thurmon Whitley  
Joanie Gillette  
Claudia Holmes  
Hanne Howard  
Charles Amore  
Leota Tucker  
Vanetta Lloyd  
Sandy Sanford  
Sally Edwards  
Olivia Rose  
Gena Cimino  
Paul & Chastity Ann & Rick  
Ebenezer Caine  
Gwen Chapin  
Margaret & Elliott  
Henry Noyes  
Tiras Jäske  
Oyarma & Alene Tate  
Krista Fanelli  
Laura Luzzi  
Gun Kerr  
Lisa Layman  
Dolph Santello  
Jill Strawn & Harlon Dalton

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