

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(I Am the Vine Sunday)

April 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.



The celebrant gives a few announcements, followed by a period of silent reflection. At the appropriate time, the people are invited to stand for the sounding of the pū.

THE PROCESSION

HYMN - #513 "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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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.**

Celebrant Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, "At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. The Spirit told Philip, "Approach this carriage and stay with it."

Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you really understand what you are reading?"

The man replied, "Without someone to guide me, how could I?" Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. This was the passage of scripture he was reading:

*Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent
so he didn't open his mouth.*

In his humiliation justice was taken away from him.

*Who can tell the story of his descendants
because his life was taken from the earth?*

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?" Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. As they went down the road, they came to some water.

The eunuch said, "Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?" He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the

water, where Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found himself in Azotus. He traveled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

(Acts 8:26-40)

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30 (chanted, alternating by half-verse)

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.

SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from Saint John's first letter to the churches

Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us

confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

(1 John 4:7-21)

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands for the gospel procession.

HYMN - #178, "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks" (verses 1&2)

GOSPEL

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

(John 15:1-8)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Repeat the chorus of Hymn 178*

After the sermon is a period for silent reflection. At the appropriate time, the celebrant invites the people to stand

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us reaffirm our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.
Christians, what do we believe?

*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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

*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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People, silently or audibly, name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, addicted, suffering from mental illness, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

A period of silence follows.

Celebrant We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Celebrant Please share with one another a sign of God's peace.

During this time, the shares signs of peace and returns to their seats as the offering plate is presented at the altar and the Eucharist is made ready.

DOXOLOGY

Ho'o - na - ni I ka Ma - ku - a mau,
Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no,
Ke Aku - a mau ho'o - mai - ka'i pu,
Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke - la ao. A - mene.

ENGLISH:

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Then the 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.

Celebrant and People

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary our matron, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Mary the Magdalene the first proclaimer of the resurrection, with the Holy Sovereigns Kamehameha IV and Emma, with Lili'uokalani and 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,

Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa- ther, which art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be thy
name. Thy king- dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heav- en. Give us this day our dai- ly bread, and for- give us our
debts, as we for- give our debt- ors. And lead us not in- to temp-
ta- tion but de- liv- er us from e- vil: for thine is the king- dom, and the
pow- er, and the glo- ry, for- ev- er, A- men.
A- men..

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People **Happy are those who are called to His supper.**

The congregation is invited to receive the Holy Communion. The bread will be placed in the hand. Wine is to be received by sipping the chalice, or by allowing the chalice-bearer to dip the bread and return it to the communicant's hand.

All baptized Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.

COMMUNION HYMN - #304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

The Queen's Prayer

Lili'uokalani

1 'O kou a - lo - ha nō, A - i - a i ka la - ni, A
 4 No lai - la ē ka ha - ku, Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u, Kō

'o kou 'oi - a - 'i - 'o, he he - mo - le - le ho - 'i.
 mā - kou - ma - lu - hi - a, Ā mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me - ne.

Translation:

- 1. Your love is in heaven and your truth so perfect.
- 4. And so, Lord, beneath your wings be our peace forever more.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

The Celebrant blesses the people with the following words

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant 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 to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God, who is ka Makua, ke Keiki, and ka 'Uhane Hemolele, be with you now and mau loa.

Amene.

HYMN - "For the islands and their people" (see insert)

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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