

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROSEVILLE, MN



EASTER 5
Year B
May 2, 2021
10:30 AM

Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

Wednesday service at 12:15 p.m.

Next Sunday's readings: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17. (*Easter 6, Year B.*)

Audio podcasts of sermons and recorded Sunday services are available online at our website. Please click on Liturgy & Worship, and then Sermons.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Here am I

—Hans Leo Hassler

A bell sounds. All stand.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Said by 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.**

Gloria

Said by all:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

A Reading from the book of 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 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 22:23-31

*Sung by the Choir
(If indoors)*

Give praise, all you that fear the Lord: *

Proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob;
Stand in awe, all you children of Israel.

For you, O God, have not despised or abhorred the poor in their affliction: *

You have not hidden your face from them,
But you heard them when they called to you.

You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly; *

my vows will I perform
in the sight of those who fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, *

those who seek you, O Lord, shall praise you;
may they be good in heart for ever.

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O Lord, *

And let all the families of the nations bow before you.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord; *

And you are the ruler over the nations.

As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you: *

all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you?

But I shall live through you, And my children shall serve you: *

they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.

To a people as yet unborn they shall make known: *

the saving deeds you have done.

A Reading from the First letter of 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 people stand.

The Gospel— John 15:1-8

Clergy: 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.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marilyn Baldwin

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form 6, BCP p. 392

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Craig our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession is omitted at Easter and through the Day of Pentecost.

The people stand

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people sit.

Greetings & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able as the gifts are brought forward.

Offertory Music

—attr. William Byrd

Non nobis Domine

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

The people stand.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 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.

The Celebrant continues

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 all 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 [_____ 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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

—from *The Sacred Harp*

The Morning Trumpet

Post Communion Prayer

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

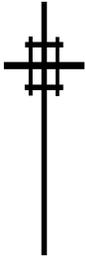
The Blessing and Dismissal

The Clergy says the blessing and dismissal.

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

	THE <i>CHRISTOGRAM</i> News & Announcements for the Week of May 2, 2021
Meet Christ Be Christ	

Faith Formation

Adult Formation/Video Coffee Hour Via Zoom: NEW TIME! We'll start at **9:15 AM**.

In Person Worship

In order to follow all of our necessary safety protocols, please go to the front page of our website ([www. Stchristophers-mn.org](http://www.Stchristophers-mn.org)) to sign up each week. If signing up online is difficult, you may call the office to be registered.

Ushers Needed

Are you looking for a new way to serve on Sunday mornings? YOU could be the face of St. Christopher's - welcoming folks as they enter our worship space, encouraging them to sign in and find their nametag, and helping them find the appropriate seat with our current safety protocols. This is what our ushers do! If any of this sounds intriguing, please contact Marion Hunner marion@stchristophers-mn.org. We would especially appreciate help at the 10:30 service, but more folks are always welcome to assist at 8:00 service as well.

Rest in Peace

Rev Peter Brown died April 13th, and will be buried May 10th. Peter was one of many parishioners who became priests and deacons while calling St. Christopher's their home church.

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Parish Prayer List

Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:

Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:

Mary Barkley	Harold Danley	Denise Poss
Jean Brandt	Michael Elsen	Marcia Rockwood
Dan Brown	Williametta Hall	Jean Swesey
Dennis Buechler	Mary Hebert	Evelynne Thompson
Ruth Buechler	Don Horton	Joe Westenfield
Betty Carr	Dave Ingram	Marliss Westenfield
Pamela Case	Ken Ives	Barb Wilkinson
	Chris Peterson	Roberta Williams

Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:

Kris & Robin Werner, Mary Henne, Bonnie, Brian Hogan, Carol Haskin, Allison & Beth, Dan B., Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Jim VonDe Linde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Kit Corti, Missy Peterson.

Pray for all who have died, especially The Rev. Peter Brown, former member.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for the Diocese of British Columbia (Canada).

In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer, please pray for all academic graduates, for all educational institutions, and for the specialized chaplaincies in those institutions. Remember especially ECMN's School for Formation, Breck School and Shattuck-St. Mary's and their chaplains, University Episcopal Community, and all those who work with campus ministries. Please pray also for St. Philip's faith community in Rice Lake.

Please pray for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for our President, Vice President, and the Congress of the United States. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace, and justice for all people.

Please pray for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

In Thanksgiving: we give thanks for our Building and Grounds Team, and for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

We remember those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

2 Barbara DeRoo
3 Jay Frischman
6 Samuel Jones
Don Shiek
7 Philip Fortmeyer
Robert Williams

4 Robert Hoium and Joan Nicol Hoium

Parish Events This Week

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

Sunday, May 2 —Easter 5

8:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Adult Forum—via Zoom
Holy Eucharist

Monday, May 3

Tuesday, May 4

ChristoGram Deadline

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Private Spiritual Direction—Library—to 11 am
Meals on Wheels—Offsite
Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band—Parking Lot

Wednesday, May 5

12:15 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist—Church
Staff Meeting—Office (Zoom)
Roseville AA – Parish Hall

Thursday, May 6

Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9 —Easter 6

Mother's Day!

8:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Adult Forum via Zoom
Holy Eucharist with Baptism



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