

8:00 SERVICE

online on Zoom



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Welcome, Visitors!

We are glad you joined us for this online service. Please fill out our [Online Welcome Card](#) so we can get to know you. Visit our website www.st-john-aptos.org, for more information about our community.

Announcements

An asterisk () denotes in-person events or activities.*

Mother Tracy will be on vacation from April 26-May 22. During her absence: Father John Duncan and Amma Eliza Linley will be leading worship, and Amma Eliza will be answering the clergy on-call line.

Bart Coddington, as senior warden, will be the person canonically in charge of the parish in her absence. Go to him with any personnel issues and administrative issues that don't require the services of a priest. Nelson Crandall, as treasurer, will in charge of financial matters.

New Items on the St. John's Calendar:

Weekly, Weds, 12:45-2 p.m., Chime Choir Practise, Back Patio through May 19 (at least) Contact: Andrew Carter.

Tuesdays, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18 Prayer Vigil, Front Courtyard 11:45 am 12:30 p.m.
Contact: Sherrie DeWitt.

Sundays, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 5 p.m., Stations of Resurrection, Front Courtyard.

Sunday, 5/23, Holy Eucharist (without chalice) Front Courtyard, also broadcast as virtual worship.

May 23 online registration for in person worship is set up in Realm.

Also May 23 sign up for drive-by communion is set up in Google Forms - link here: <https://forms.gle/5Fa6ifDshnJWCTFx8>

MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Opening Sentence

BCP 76

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Invitatory & Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips. BCP 80
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. (*Psalm 51:16*)
All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Pascha Nostrum

BCP 83

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 22:24-30

BCP Translation

- 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.

The Lessons

Introduction to the First Lesson

In our reading from the Acts, the Apostle Philip baptizes a court official from Ethiopia.

Acts 8:26-40

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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.

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

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

Revelation 15:3-4, BCP 94

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *

for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: ***
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Second Lesson

Right before this passage begins, the author of 1 John exhorts the people to “test the spirits” to discern whether they are from God or not and talks about how to distinguish the spirit of truth from the spirit of error. Here, he returns to the theme of loving one another that we heard in last week’s passage from 1 John.

1 John 4:7-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

15: The Song of Mary

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: ***
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading comes from the long "Farewell Discourse" in John, where Jesus speaks to his disciples the night before his death. Right before this passage, he has just reassured them that although he is about to go to the Father, he will send them the Holy Spirit as an advocate and guide.

John 15:1-8

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Deacon 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.”

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

A bell is rung. The preacher waits until they cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the sermon.

Sermon The Rev. Eliza Linley, Assisting Priest

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Server The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Server Let us pray.

All **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.
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.**

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BCP 98

Server Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Server Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your Name for ever.**

Server Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Server Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Server In you, Lord, is our hope;

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect of the Day

Server 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.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

Server O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

BCP 100

Server Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

Server O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Community Prayers

For Birthdays:

BCP 830

Watch over **Leonard** Cowan (6), **Benjamin** Davis (7), **Bill** Kell (8), O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Baptism Anniversaries:

BCP 421, modified

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servants **Leonard** Cowan (6), celebrates the anniversaries of their baptisms, give them courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wedding Anniversaries:

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants _____ that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Travelers:

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Closing Versicle & Response

BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Romans 15:13, BCP 102

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the
power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. John Duncan
<i>Preacher:</i>	The Rev. Eliza Linley
<i>Scripture Introductions:</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
<i>Server:</i>	Win Fernald
<i>Lesson:</i>	Nelson Crandall
<i>Epistle:</i>	Margy Cottle
<i>Gospel:</i>	Bart Coddington
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Bart Coddington