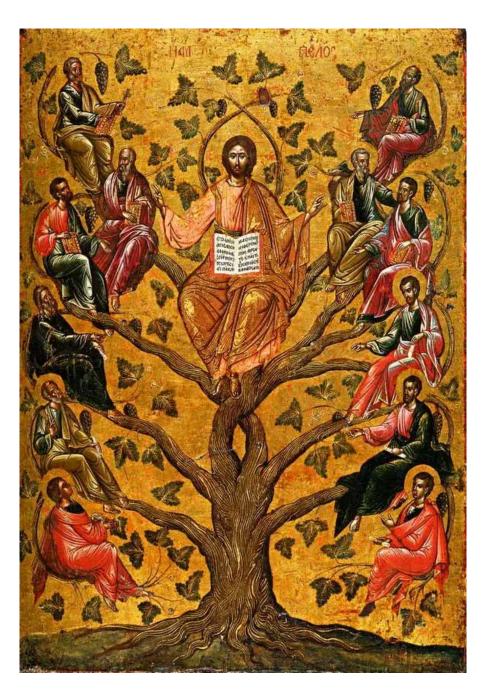
## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church the episcopal diocese of maryland 10:45 A.M. \$\delta\$ April 28, 2024

## The Liturgy of the Word at 10:45

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

The people standing,

Celebrant I see you.

People We are here.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

#### **Hymn 512**

#### Come gracious Spirit, Heavenly dove



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#### OPENING PRAYER

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response

We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.



Words: Swahili Text; tr. Howard Olson Music: Haya Tune; *Tumshagilie Mungu*, Makumira, Tanzania; harm. Carl Haywood

(b. 1949), from Songs of Praise

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#### 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.

People Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: 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 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** Deus, Deus meus

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.

#### THE 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.

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

## **Easter Gospel Acclamation**

L. DeLauder









2024

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

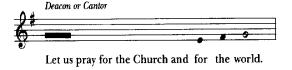
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All stand for

#### 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





Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence* 

Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

#### Parish Life

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **O**FFERTORY

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be

with you all.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

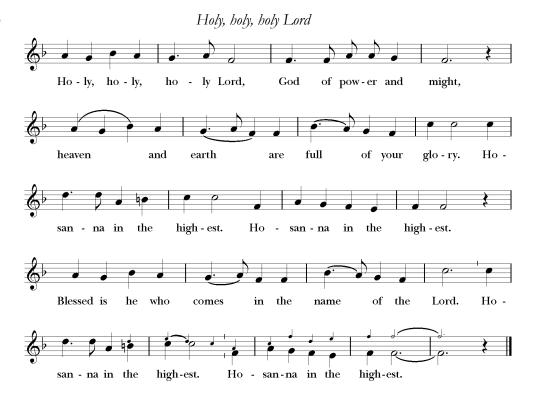
Celebrant We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this

place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us

much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the

company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

#### **HYMN S-125**



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

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.

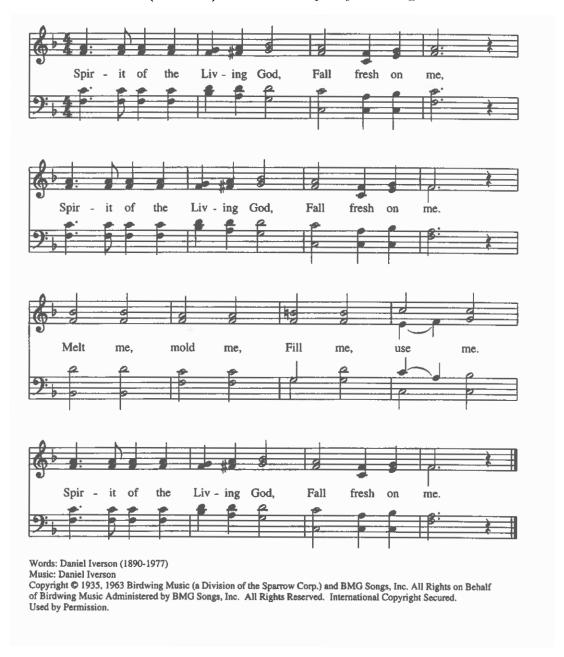
#### HYMN 149 (LEVAS)



All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

#### Post Communion Hymn 115 (LEVAS)

#### Spirit of the Living God



#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

#### THE BLESSING



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#### THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### announcements

#### seekers

The Seekers will gather again for a taco night **tonight** at 5pm in the St. Matthew's parish hall. This month they are collecting food for the Little Free Pantry located at the Oakland Town Hall. All are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends!

#### stephen's table

We will be hosting a summer kick-off meal on **Thursday, May 23rd from 5 pm - 6:30 pm**. If you can help in any way (you do not have to stay the entire time), please reach out to **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net** or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

#### episcopals

Our next EpiscoPals is **June 16th** and will be hosted by Earl and Linda Eisenhart at their home. It is open to all and kid friendly. The hosts will provide the main course and the drinks. All others in attendance are asked to bring one of either hors d'oeuvres, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share.

To help the hosts know how much food to prepare, **RSVP** with how many people will be attending and what you will be bringing. You can find the registration link in the weekly e-news and also under the EpiscoPals section on the church app.

If you would like to host an available month (May, October, or November), please call or email the office to let Julie know. If you are unable to host at your home, you are welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall.

#### house church

House church meets at 7:30 pm every other Wednesday at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. A complete schedule is in the weekly e-news. For more information, contact Kendall Ludwig at mkendallludwig@gmail.com.

#### nearly new

The Nearly New is always looking for volunteers. The shop is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am - 2 pm. We are also open during Stephen's Table on the next to the last Thursday of each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Also, keep us in mind if your teen needs to earn service learning hours. (Note that anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, please let us know in one of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com** 

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**.

Contact Julie Hartman in her office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or by email at:

episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

#### ministers of today's service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
Reader: Susan Offutt
Prayers of the People: Susan Offutt
Chalicist: Susan Offutt
Coffee Host: Bonnie Winters & Kathy O'Connor

## prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to:

#### episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Chip Lee; Kinsley Virts; Bev Maynard; Nancy Morgan; Carol Collins; John Jorgensen; Gene & Barbara Wahl; Kathy, Elon, and Mary O'Connor; Sharon Caple; Linda Eisenhart; Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Carolyn Germain; Sherri Fredlock; Diane Thayer; Mary Ann Crawford; Lexie Byrne; Bill Seling; Terry Turner; Bobbi & Peter Banse; Bonnie Weiler; Karina Stonesifer; Jacques Hourtal; William Robinson; Larry Glatt; Dale and Sharon Broadwater; Madeline Meister; Kat & Matt Rayner; Jane Newagen; Bill Riley; Vicki Skeen; Jane Hazlett & family; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

#### (Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for All Saint's, Frederick; Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Parish; Grace, Brunswick.

We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Carrie our Bishop coadjutor, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

## Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Linda Ludwig Baker; Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Lauren Hatcher, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Emily Imgrund, Jane Ann Kane, Paul Keister, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Joe Methany, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, Chuck Zellefrow, and Brian Zerbe.

## also

#### Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery is open at 10:15, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

#### Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurchingarrettcounty.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the televised webcast live at either 8 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. each week, or listen to the 8 a.m. service live, locally, over WMSG, 1050 AM. In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list and also an automated telephone message to everyone on our call list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add **episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com** to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

#### Sunday, April 28

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel immediately

following the service

5 pm Seekers (Parish Hall)

#### Sunday, May 5

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel immediately

following the service

#### weekly

Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Friday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

#### monthly

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (May 23rd)

third Sunday

6 pm EpiscoPals (next gathering on June 16th

at Earl and Linda Eisenhart's home)

fourth Sunday

5 pm Seekers (TONIGHT - parish hall)

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