

Eastertide



Join our church family!

Sundays:

- 8 AM - Holy Communion
- 9 AM - Bible Study / Episcopal 101 Class
- 10:30 AM - Holy Communion

Wednesdays:

- 5:30 PM - Evening Prayer

Easter Lilies 2024

The beauty of the Easter lilies that adorn our sanctuary have been offered in loving memory and heartfelt thanksgiving for the lives and blessings listed below.

In memory of:

*Walter & Bertha Buchheit
Paul & Barb Dunlap
Richard & Dortha Featherston
Walter & Catherine Gresham
Alma & Maple Masters
Betty Myers
Wash & Gayle Ozbirn
Marcia Sikes
Jeanette Telle*



In thanksgiving for:

*Paul, James, Lauren, Andrea, Trevor, Evan, Tisha, Emily, & Derek
My family
Daniel, Adelaide, Harriet, Atticus, Ciearra, Ryleigh, & Keegan
Larry & Gloria Masters
John Missel & the people of Christ Episcopal Church
In honor of: Christ Episcopal Church members & your prayers during
my recovery*

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 - 10:30 AM

Greetings & Announcements: Fr. Ryan

The Prelude: Mary Mims

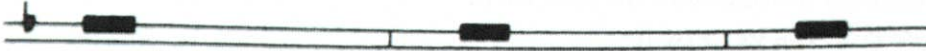
As the bells chime, please stand, as able.

The Opening Acclamation:

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Procession Hymn: #379, "God is Love,"
The Hymnal 1982

<i>Priest</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Priest</i>
		
The Lord be with you.	And also with you.	Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day:

Priest: 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.


A - men.

Please be seated for the readings.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: *
"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 the Lord.
- 27 For sovereignty belongs to the Lord; *
who rules over the nations.
- 28 To the Lord alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before the Lord.
- 29 My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall serve the Lord; *
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 God has done.

The Second Reading: 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.**

The Sequence Hymn: #529, "In Christ There is no East or West,"
The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: Alexa Brewen

The Peace:

Priest: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory Sentence:

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

The Offertory Hymn: #106, "Precious Lord, Take my Hand,"

LEVAS II

The Holy Communion



Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever... ..
 Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Susan Calvin Fletcher

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. _____ Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

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.

**All: 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.

The Prayers of the People:

Lector:

- Remember, Lord, the thanksgivings on our hearts, especially _____. For what else do we give thanks? _____.
- Remember, Lord, those who are sick, who suffer, and those in any trouble, especially _____. For whom else do we pray? _____.
- Remember, Lord, all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and all the departed, especially _____. For whom else do we pray? _____.

Priest: And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

All:



A - MEN.

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.

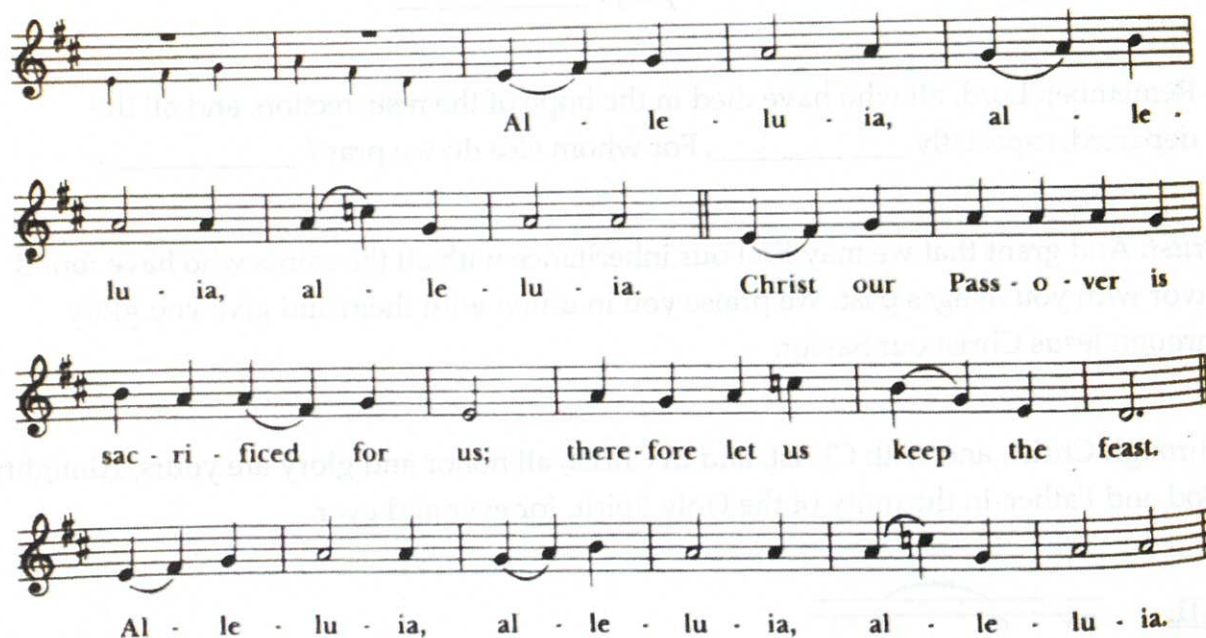
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

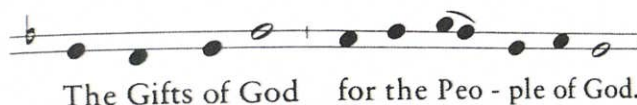
for ever and ever. Amen.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Priest:



The Gifts of God for the Peo - ple of God.

The Communion Hymn: #304, "I Come With Joy to Meet my Lord,"
The Hymnal 1982

The Postcommunion Prayer:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing: Fr. Ryan Missel

The Recessional Hymn: #416, "For the Beauty of the Earth,"
The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal:

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thank be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Postlude: Mary Mims

Today's Servers:

Presider: Fr. Ryan Missel	Host: Judi Naeter
Preacher: Alexa Brewen	Altar Guild: Elizabeth Miller
Eucharistic Minister: Toni Alexander	St. Isidore's: James Boyer
Lector: Sheila Thiele	Organist: Mary Mims

Alexa Brewen's Bio:

Hello! My name is Alexa Brewen! I was born in St. Louis, but most of my life has been spent in Fredericktown, Missouri—where I currently reside with my husband, Steven, and our son Teddy. As a lifelong Episcopalian, I have seen the beauty and ever-evolving nature of The Episcopal Church. As I have grown in my spiritual walk, I have become increasingly involved in the diocese. After being inspired by everyone who dedicates their time and efforts to God and their communities, I felt moved to begin the journey toward ordained ministry. Entering into the discernment process has been amazing, affirming, and surprising at times! I appreciate being able to share your space.

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws -

1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; —
 2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; —
 3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; —

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 3. hand, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. —