

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 2, 2021 – 10:30am



Still Life—Giorgio Lucchesi

PROCESSIONAL

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 448

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| <p>¹ O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!</p> <p>² For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.</p> <p>³ For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.</p> | <p>⁴ For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.</p> <p>⁵ For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.</p> <p>⁶ All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.</p> |
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Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
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. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His Name.**

³ We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

⁴ Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

¹ Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation.

² Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.

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 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.

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

THE PSALM *Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32*

All **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

Cantor My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the LORD, those who seek him. May their hearts live on forever and ever!

All **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

Cantor All the earth shall remember and return to the LORD, all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

All **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

Cantor And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him.
They shall tell of the LORD to generations yet to come,
declare his saving justice to peoples yet unborn: "These are the things the LORD has done."

All **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

THE EPISTLE *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.**

¹ Descend, O Spirit, purging flame,
brand us this day with Jesus' Name!
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt;
sign us as Christ's, within, without.

² Forbid us not this second birth;
grant unto us the greater worth!
Enlist us in your service, Lord;
baptize all nations with your Word.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Dcn. Gary Stoddard

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All 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.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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*

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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*

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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*

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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*

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader 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*

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit, Font of Light

Hymn 228

¹ Holy Spirit, font of light,
focus of God's glory bright,
shed on us a shining ray.
Father of the fatherless,
giver of gifts limitless,
come and touch our hearts today.

² Source of strength and sure relief,
comforter in time of grief,
enter in and be our guest.
On our journey grant us aid,
freshening breeze and cooling shade,
in our labor inward rest.

³ Enter each aspiring heart,
occupy its inmost part
with your dazzling purity.
All that gives to us our worth,
all that benefits the earth,
you bring to maturity.

⁴ With your soft, refreshing rains
break our drought, remove our stains;
bind up all our injuries.
Shake with rushing wind our will;
melt with fire our icy chill;
bring to light our perjuries.

⁵ As your promise we believe,
make us ready to receive
gifts from your unbounded store.
Grant enabling energy,
courage in adversity,
joys that last forevermore.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

Hymn S-147

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

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.**

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(Belmont)

**Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;
Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.**

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Holy Spirit

¹ Holy Spirit living Breath of God
 Breathe new life into my willing soul
 Let the presence of the risen Lord
 Come renew my heart and make me whole
 Cause Your word to come alive in me
 Give me faith for what I cannot see
 Give me passion for Your purity
 Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

² Holy Spirit come abide within
 May Your joy be seen in all I do
 Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
 In each thought and deed and attitude
 Kindness to the greatest and the least
 Gentleness that sows the path of peace
 Turn my strivings into works of grace
 Breath of God show Christ in all I do

³ Holy Spirit from creation's birth
 Giving life to all that God has made
 Show Your power once again on earth
 Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
 Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
 Lead us on the road of sacrifice
 That in unity the face of Christ
 May be clear for all the world to see

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

RECESSIONAL

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn 450

¹ All hail the power of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall!
 bring forth the royal diadem,
 and crown him Lord of all!
 bring forth the royal diadem,
 and crown him Lord of all!

² Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
 who from his altar call!
 praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
 and crown him Lord of all!
 praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
 and crown him Lord of all!

³ Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
 whom David Lord did call,
 the God incarnate, Man divine,
 and crown him Lord of all!
 the God incarnate, Man divine,
 and crown him Lord of all!

⁴ Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
 ye ransomed of the fall,
 hail him who saves you by his grace,
 and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace,
 and crown him Lord of all!

⁵ Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 the wormwood and the gall,
 go, spread your trophies at his feet,
 and crown him Lord of all!
 go, spread your trophies at his feet,
 and crown him Lord of all!

⁶ Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!