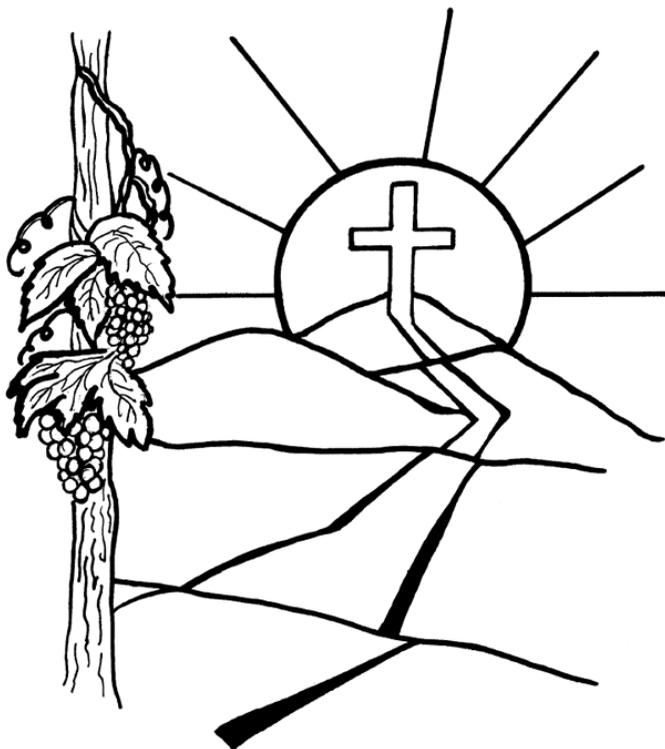


ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Live on Facebook and YouTube

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving of all whose lives have touched and blessed us.

PRELUDE: Jesus bleibet meine Freude, from Cantata 147

J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All people that on earth do dwell Hymnal 377 (v. 1-3)

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
Thanks be to God

PSALM 22:24-30 (read responsively)

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.

MEDITATION MUSIC: Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace arr. David Rasbach

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John

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.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: Joyful, joyful we adore thee Hymnal 376 (v. 1-2)

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Kevin Dellaria

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

Deacon: Let us pray for Christ's Church, and for the world.

Creator God who entrusted this planet to us, help us to be conscious caretakers of its oceans and continents. May we recognize its fragility as a pinprick of light in space and hold in reverence all forms of life.

For the flow of time and return of seasons.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

We pray for the universal church whose teachings are present in the world and in our hearts. May we grow in holiness and humility, and reach out to those who respond to its challenges or seek its comfort.

For the unity of worship which transcends difference.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

Lord, look to our nation in these troubled times, and guide those in authority that they grow in wisdom and come to know the true meaning of service.

For the embrace of your Love which heals division.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

We ask your protection on all medical workers, care givers, first responders, and those who labor in essential services. May your hand guide and protect them, and your Spirit fill all of us with patience, compassion and respect.

For the strength of community to overcome crisis.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

We pray for our parish, St. Francis-in-the-Fields, for Willistown Township, and for Chester County, and for all communities represented in our parish. May we understand our place in the varied tapestry of humanity, and support one another in word and action.

For concern and friendship offered in unlikely places.

We give praise and thanksgiving.

For those who are suffering this season because death has come near, or where mental or physical illness has disfigured mind or body, may we look to the resurrection of our crucified Lord and know that we are not alone.

For the comfort of your embrace.
Thanksgiving and praise forever and ever.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC: I Love Thee

arr. David Rasbach

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S129

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.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

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. And in those homes where elements have been gathered, let their presence be in remembrance of your death, until you come again.

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. Francis, 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 God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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.

THE FRACTION

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S155

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

A PRAYER FOR COMMUNION IN SEPARATION

Creator of all and Giver of Life, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed together at your table, and we lament our distance now. Be present, Lord Jesus, in our separation, as you are always present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of the bread. May your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen

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: Improvisation on Engelberg

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 70

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.

SEASONAL BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: When in our music God is glorified Hymnal 420 (v. 1-3)

- 1 When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!
- 2 How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
- 3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemens

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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 2, 2021

Change of COVID Protocols – Effective May 9, 2021

Beginning May 9, 2021, St. Francis will enter a new phase of re-opening. That Sunday, *indoor, in-person* worship will resume at 10:00 am. Initially, that service will be limited to roughly 30 attendees and registration will be required. Also effective that Sunday, the *outdoor* service will no longer have an attendance limit and registration will no longer be required. All protocols are subject to change. For a full list of new protocols, please visit our website.

Drive-In Eucharist

A shorter service of Drive-In Eucharist is offered on **Wednesdays at Noon and on Sundays when the Youth Group gathers** (see schedule). To be part of this short service, simply park in the St. Francis parking lot, stay in your car, and tune your radio to 92.7 FM. A bulletin will be provided to follow the service, and Fr. Kevin and/or Diane will bring communion to your car. All services are subject to weather.

Pickleball

During the month of May, Pickleball will be set up in the parking lot from 5:00- 6:30 every Tuesday (weather permitting) for anyone interested in learning to play or sharpening their skills! All are welcome to join in the fun as we gather safely outside! Please contact Suzanne Steinberg at 610-608-0830 for more information.

Fellowship

Fellowship is looking for volunteers to join our committee. We need YOU to help us explore ways to gather together socially while staying safe during these uncertain times. Please contact Suzanne Steinberg at 610-608-0830 if you are interested in joining this amazing group!

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will meet Sunday, May 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist will be in the parking lot at 5 pm. All are invited to Holy Eucharist.

Lectionary Bible Study

Lectionary Bible Study meets virtually on Wednesdays at 10 am on Zoom to pray and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. The Zoom link is on the website, www.stfrancisfields.com and is also sent out on a Constant Contact email to the congregation. All are welcome.

Altar Flowers

Did you know that you can dedicate the Sunday Altar Flowers in honor of a friend or family member, in remembrance of a loved one, or for some other special recognition? Altar Flower dedications are just \$50.00, and helps provide a fresh arrangement each week. The form for dedicating Altar Flowers can be found on our parish website, www.stfrancisfields.com.

Vegetable Garden

The St. Francis Vegetable Garden provides hundreds of pounds of fresh produce each year for individuals and families in need. With spring now here, the gardening process is set to begin, and this important ministry is in desperate need of help. A couple of hours each week is all it takes to help our garden flourish, and the work can fit around your schedule. If you can help, please contact Mahala Renkey or the Church office.

Ushers & Greeters

Outdoor services have begun and Ushers and Greeters are needed. This is a distinguished and important ministry, and is even more important during this time of “gentle” re-opening. Your participation would be appreciated. If you are interested and feel safe in this calling as an usher or greeter please contact John Stearns at jstearns4@verizon.net, Tony Fernandes at jets741@verizon.net or Mike Quinn at mike@diserafinoquinn.com. Please indicate if you would be an usher or greeter for outside services and/or indoor services.

This week we pray for: Aaron, Ben Baker, Robert Baudry, Bill, Melanie Blasingame, Bruce, Norman Broadbelt, Brian Cahill, Athena Carrigan, Claire, Larry Corr, Suzanne DeAngelo, Len Dickerson, Kitty Egan, Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, Electa Mary Huber, Ian & Christina, Linda Jackalous, Justin, Darrell Lamb, Dorothy Langton, Skip Lewis, Linda, Mel, Carl O’Fria, Sr., Nancy Orlando, Beth Pietrzak, Gretchen Hall, Jan Pizarro, Nora Pizzi, Alan Rabenau, Raskin Family, Wilhelmina Savage, Lynn & Lewis

Secreto, Ian Sidley, Ted Snowe, Bill Spane, Bill Speaker, Lois & Andy Steiner, Travers, Anell Warren, Phyllis Warren, Duncan, Ann & Collin.

Prayers from the Youth Group: Prayers for those getting their vaccines and for the church's remodeling; Please pray for anyone who is looking for but cannot find a vaccine and that they do find one soon; Pray for those still waiting/unable to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Mark Graham, Bill Nelson, Bruce Komaromy, Scott Lewis, Edward Kronenberg and Donna Geiger.

In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Church School, Youth Group, Nursery and our adult classes and prayer groups.

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	May 2	May 9
Altar Guild	Jane Brooks	Sheila Rees
Flower Guild	Robin Kelly	Laura Petersen
Intercessor 10	Sandra Healey	David Culver
Intercessor 11:30	Jane Brooks	Mike Burke
Reader 10	Sandra Healey	David Culver
Reader 11:30	Jane Brooks	Mike Burke
Greeter/Usher 11:30	Mike Quinn	Everett Warren
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