

# ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

April 28, 2024

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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April 28, 2024, 9:30 am

**Prelude**

Prelude on *Love Divine* arr. Charles Callahan  
Early American hymn tune

**The Processional**

*Come, we that love the Lord* Hymnal # 392

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.*

*People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**Collect for Purity**

BCP p. 355

**Gloria in Excelsis**

Community Mass p. 5

**The Collect**

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 Reading**

Acts 8:26-40

Barbara Badio

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 22:24-30**

**BCP, p. 612**

**The Second Reading**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**Wilmar Jennings**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Gradual Hymn**    *Like the murmur of the dove's song*    **Hymnal #513**

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

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**

**Rev. Julie Hanavan**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Prayers of the People**

**Tom Hobin**

We pray for peace in the world, the Peace that only You can grant, Peace among nations Peace among the churches, Peace within families, and Peace in our hearts. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For our elected officials and all who govern and lead this nation, that they may work with wisdom and cooperation for the benefit of all the communities to which we belong. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health of the planet, that it may be healed along with all living things. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we ask for courage to be more compassionate to our neighbor and thank you for your generous and kind guidance to make us a more loving people. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for those who are sick. Send your healing power on them; give them peace, grace, and strength to recover and be grateful to you. We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, and Theo; and for Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Eva McBorrough, Jennifer, Carla, Karen L., Elizabeth Pacek, John Dunning, Mary Carter, Andrew, Billy, and Karen. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. May God grant them eternal Peace. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Victor Ventura-Carreiro.

We pray for young adults in our congregation Willcia, Roma, Kojo, Anne Marie, Sarah, Fatima, Raheem, and Sommie; we pray for Derrick and Natalya who are soon to graduate from high school. May they know the Lord's steadfast presence and love in all that they do.

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem**      *Ain'-a That Good News*      **arr. Clayton White**  
Spiritual (LEVAS 180)

**Presentation** (Please stand as you are able.)

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

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**      **BCP, p. 361**

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)**      **Community Mass p. 11**

**Memorial Acclamation A**      **BCP, S-135**

**The Lord's Prayer**      **BCP p. 364**

**Breaking of the Bread**      *Agnus Dei*      **Community Mass p. 20**

**The Communion**

*All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.*

**Communion**      *O Jesus, joy of loving hearts*      **Hymnal #650**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**      **BCP p. 365**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional**            *God is Love; let heaven adore him*            **Hymnal #379**

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Postlude**                    *Fugue in C Major*            **George Frideric Handel**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** If visiting or a newcomer, please join us for Coffee Hour in Rose Hall following the service. Our restrooms are downstairs, next to Rose Hall.

**Food Collection:** Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of cold cereals in May. If you are unable to contribute to the monthly theme, we always accept pre-packaged, shelf stable, non-expired food of any type. Thank you for your generosity.

**Healing Prayer** is offered at the side altar each Sunday during Eucharist.

**Outreach:** Project Undercover is underway. We are collecting diapers, pull-ups, underwear and baby wipes for the John Hope Settlement House. This project is being coordinated by Chimmy Amaechina.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 1:** Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, Noon in the church

**May 1:** Choir Rehearsal

**May 5:** Organ Restoration Committee after the Service

