



**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**28 April 2024**

**8AM Spoken; 10.30AM Worship & Music**

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Announcements by the Celebrant

Processional: Hymnal #296 *We Know that Christ is Raised*

Opening Acclamation, Book of Common Prayer p.355

[People respond: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**]

Collect for Purity, p.355

Gloria in Excelsis: Hymnal #S 280

Collect for the Day, p.225

Lessons

Gradual: Hymnal #448 vv.1-3 *Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad*

Gospel, Sermon

Nicene Creed, pp.358-9

Prayers of the People Form VI, pp.392-3

Confession & Absolution, p.360

Peace of the Lord

Offertory: Choir Anthem

Doxology: Hymnal #380 vv.3 *Praise God*

Eucharistic Prayer A, p.361

The Sanctus and Benedictus: Hymnal #S 129 *(sung in unison)*

Lord's Prayer, p.364

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal #S 155 *(sung in unison)*

Communion: Instrumental

Post-communion Prayer, p.366

Prayers for Birthdays & Those We Love, p.830, 831

Blessing

Recessional: Hymnal #529 *In Christ, There is No East or West*

Dismissal [People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**]

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 8 verses 26 to 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.

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

**The Response is Psalm 22:24-30, found on page 612 of the Book of Common Prayer. We will speak it responsively by half-verse.**

### **A reading from the First Letter of John, chapter 4 verses 7 to 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.

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

### **Gospel: John, chapter 15 verses 1 to 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."

**Birthdays:** Barbara Monick; Carrie Baidon; Janet Ross; Andrew Cliff; Kathleen Roland; Ian Kopack; Karl Wezmar; Dorrance Belin; Edward Byer; Jane Jones