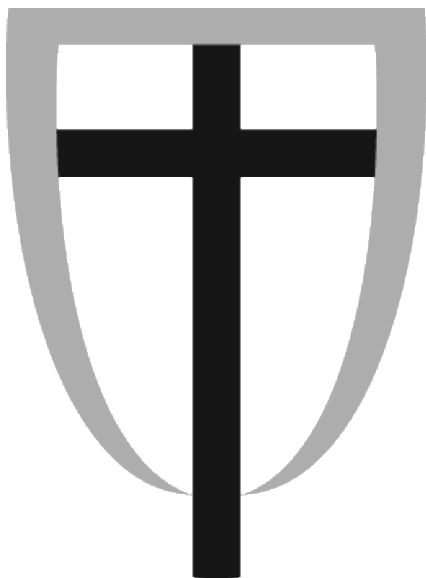


# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2021  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BATON ROUGE, LA



Thank you for worshipping with us, today. This order of service for our liturgy — meaning “work of the people” — is meant to help you participate as fully as you desire. As one is able, we sit to listen to the scripture and the sermon, and we stand to sing, recite the Nicene Creed or Baptismal Covenant, and hear the Gospel proclaimed. When it comes to prayer, both standing and kneeling are ancient and accepted practices, so please feel free to stand or kneel during our prayers, as you are able. Before we begin, it is our custom to observe quiet for prayer and meditation.

Please silence any electronic devices. Congregational responses are printed in boldface type.

*At the 11 a.m. service only the Bishop will be the celebrant and the preacher.*

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**Voluntary**      *Voluntary IV in E minor: Adagio, Allegro*      *John Stanley (1712-1786)*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn**      *Christ is made the sure foundation*      *Westminster Abbey*  
*The people stand for the procession*

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

**Song of Praise**      *Gloria in excelsis*      *New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)*

### **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 people are seated for the lessons*

### **The First Reading**      *Acts 8:26-40*

*Lector*      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.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**            *Psalm 22:24-30*

*John Goss (1800-1880)*

*Deus, Deus meus*

*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.*

## **The Second Reading**            *1 John 4:7-21*

*Lector*            A Reading from the first epistle 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.

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

**Sequence Hymn**    *When Christ was lifted from the earth*            *St. Botolph*  
*The people stand*

**The Gospel**        *John 15:1-8*

*Preacher*        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."

*Preacher*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**        *The Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon (9 a.m.)*  
                              *The Rt. Rev'd Morris K. Thompson, Jr. (11 a.m.)*

*The people are seated*

## The Nicene Creed

*The people stand*

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 *Form VI*

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*  
For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Morris, our Bishop; Robert, our Bishop-in-Residence; Chris, Drew, and Don our priests; Pat, our deacon; Annie, our seminarian; and all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Michel, Helene and all on our prayer list. *Silence*

People Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*  
We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your  
eternal kingdom. *Silence*

People Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**The Offertory Hymn** *New songs of celebration render* *Rendez à Dieu*

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people stand*

*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.**

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...

...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** *Plainsong, Mass 18* *Sung by the choir*

*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.

*The people may stand or kneel*

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;...

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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;...

...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.**

## **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 that 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 Breaking of the Bread**

### **Fraction Anthem: Pascha Nostrum**

*Missa Orbis Factor*

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

## **Invitation to Communion**

### **Music at Communion**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)*

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*The people may kneel or stand*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn**    *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*    Engelberg  
*The people stand for the procession*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Closing Voluntary**    *Voluntary IV in E minor: Allegro*    John Stanley

*The voluntaries for this and for following Sundays are part of a project in which our Director of Music will play the complete voluntaries of John Stanley. This project will continue until the installation of our new organ this spring.*

*Today's flowers are given to the great glory of God and in memory of Dianne Duncan by the Duncan family.*

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