

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church  
Keller, Texas

The Holy Eucharist  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021

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**WELCOME**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Andante tranquillo*

Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**HYMN 47**

*On This Day, The First of Days*

Gott sei Dank



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
 2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
 3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;  
 5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;



1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.  
 2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
 3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.  
 4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.  
 5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,  
 dwell within my heart alone;  
 thou dost give thyself to me:  
 help me give myself to thee.

Words: Latin; tr. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*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.**

**CANTICLE S-280**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*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.**

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

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.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 22:24-30*  
*Deus, Deus meus*

Page 610, Book of Common Prayer

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
 my descendants shall serve him; \*  
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**A READING FROM FIRST JOHN**

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.

**HYMN 298**

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

Es is das Heil



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: grant us thy Ho - ly



va - tion; bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, each is a  
Spi - rit; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion. Through Christ's re - demp - tion we shall stand a - mong the  
blood and mer - it. Grant us to grow in grace each day that as is



glo - rious heaven - ly band of ev - ery tribe and na - tion.  
prom - ised here we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

*Before the Gospel*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, O 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."

*After the Gospel*

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Ayo Omoniyi

*A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon*

**THE NICENE CREED**

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH**

##### *Intercessor and People*

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Martin's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI**

Page 392, Book of Common Prayer

##### *Intercessor*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

##### *Silence*

##### *Responsively*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

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

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

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

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott, our Bishop; Janet, our Canon; Ron, Ayo, Paula, Judy, Frank, and Diana, our clergy; Joe our Organist/Choirmaster; Liza our Children's Minister and for all bishops and other ministers.

##### **For all who serve God in his Church.**

In our [Anglican Cycle of prayer](#) we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

In our [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#) we pray for St. Anthony in Alvarado, and St. Alban's and St. Mark in Arlington.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; and for those on our prayer list for healing and support: Shawn, Mary Jane, Jenny, Molly, Margaret, Ann, Wayne, Brant, Jill, Barbara, Florence, Paula, Meesh, Alex, Peggy, John, Bruce, Patty, Suzanne, Mindy, Malcolm, Don, Craig, Doris, Ronald, Elizabeth, Rick, Victoria, Julia, Pace and for all their family members and caregivers.

##### *Silence*

We pray for all whose lives are affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic, for healthcare personnel, for public health officials, for first responders, and for scientists seeking solutions. Protect and defend those charged with distribution and administration of vaccines, that their efforts, along with all our efforts to subdue this virus, will hasten the day when all people everywhere will once again be safe.

##### *Silence*

For those who are traveling:

For those with employment concerns: Rick, Jeff, Janet, Rebecca, Mark, Aaron, Sarah, Collin, Chris

For those in the military Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Rich, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, Jason, John, Deion, Tanner, Benjamin, Timian, Will, John, James, Chris, Kip, Steve, Alex, Christopher, Christian and all civilians in harm's way.

*Silence*

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

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week: Georgia, Roger, Don, Aaron and Christopher

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, [especially N. ], that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Page 360, Book of Common Prayer

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

**ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant*

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

**THE PEACE**

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

## OFFERTORY

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).



This month we're collecting for our "Red Envelopes" campaign. 17¢ can buy a pound of food in North Texas, and 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry can use our gifts to minister to food insecure people in east Fort Worth. Your gifts to this campaign will meet a great need for people who experience food insecurity. To learn more or to give online, [click here](#) or scan the QR code.

### OFFERTORY HYMN 379

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Abbot's Leigh

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all  
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness  
and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall  
da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so  
all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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### *The Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

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:

### *Celebrant and People*

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

### *The Celebrant continues*

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 Martin and 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.*



### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### *Celebrant*

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

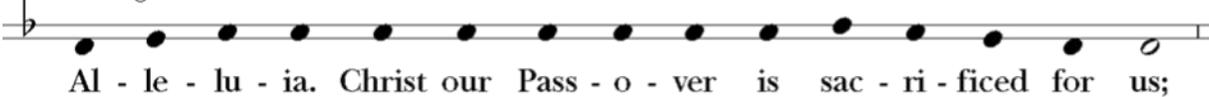
#### *All*

**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.**

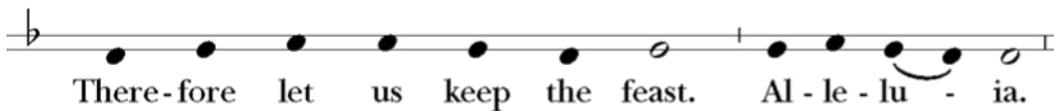
### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

#### *Celebrant*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*People*



### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*After those at the Altar have received the Sacrament, they will proceed to the Parking Lot to serve those in their vehicles. The driver of each vehicle will take what is needed and serve other inside the vehicle. After you have received, please retain the empty vessels until you exit the Parking Lot, where Ushers will be collecting them so that they can be taken to the Sacristy.*

**HYMN 323**

*Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed*

*Jesu, Jesu du mein Hirt*

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is  
2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies this blest cup of  
meat in-deed; ev - er may our souls be fed  
sac - ri - fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal - ing give,  
with this true and liv - ing Bread; day by day with  
to thy cross we look and live: Je - sus, may we  
strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died.  
ev - er be graft - ed, root - ed, built in thee.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855), alt. Music: *Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt*, melody Paul Heinlein (1626-1686); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

### SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*This week's visitors are Evie Larimore and Jeniffer Varley.*

*Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*The People respond,*

**We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.*

**THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

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*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**THE BLESSING**

**HYMN 529**

*In Christ There is no East or West*

McKee

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

6  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

*Hymnal 1982 529*

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Allegro Vivace from "Water Music"* Handel (1685-1759)

## Leaders in Today's Liturgy

The Rev. Paula Jefferson  
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Evie Larimore and Jeniffer Varley  
*Eucharistic Visitors*

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Christine Gehringer and Edward McGlaston  
*Ushers*

Evie Larimore  
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*Organist/Choirmaster*

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