



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

May 10, 2009

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery, Celebrant**

**The Word of God**

**At the Procession**

Hymnal #47 On this day, the first of days

*Gott sei Dank*

**Entrance Rite**

**BCP 355**

**Song of Praise**

Hymnal #S278 "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis*

William Mathias

**The Collect of the Day**

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**

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.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

## The Gradual

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

24 My praise is of him in the / great • as/sembly; \*  
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 / hēart / 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 • be/fore him.

27 For kingship be/longs to • the / LORD; \*  
he / rüles / over • the / nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth / bow down • in / worship; \*  
all who go down to the / düst / fall • be/fore him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my des/cendants • shall / serve him; \*  
they shall be / known • as the / LORD'S • for / ever.

† 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet • un/born \*  
the saving / deeds • that / he • has / done.

† *Second half of chant*

## The Epistle

**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.

(Ushers will seat latecomers.)

### **At the Sequence**

Hymnal #382 King of glory, King of peace

*General Seminary*

### **The Gospel**

#### **John 15:1-8**

Jesus said, "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 Sermon** The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People, Form I**

**BCP 383**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

## **The Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory** Wondrous Love

*Chancel Choir*

Arr. Arlen Clarke

**Hymn at the Presentation** Praise God, from whom all blessing flow

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**

Hymnal #S128 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Sanctus*

**BCP 367**

William Mathias

**The Breaking of the Bread**

WLP #880, v. 1 Christ our Passover--*Pascha nostrum*

**BCP 364**

*Sine Nomine*

**Hymns at the Communion**

WLP #831 *Ubi caritas* (Where true charity and love abide, God is there.)  
Hymnal #335 I am the bread of life  
Hymnal #187 Through the Red Sea brought at last  
Hymnal #577 God is love

*Taizé*

*I Am the Bread*

*Straf mich nicht*

*Ubi caritas (Murray)*

**People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors:**

*May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.*

**Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing**

**BCP 366**

**Hymn at the Procession**

Hymnal #657 Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

**Dismissal**