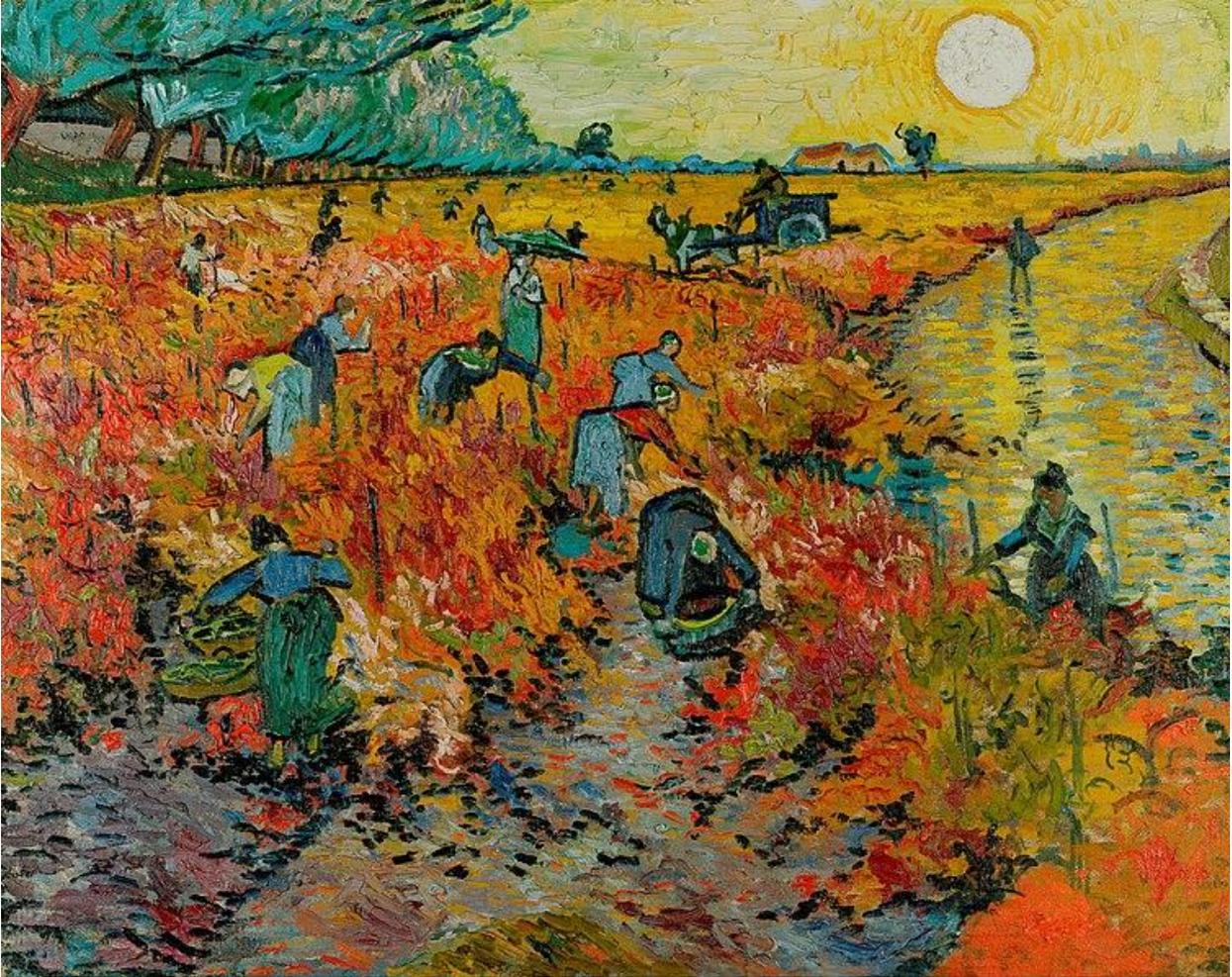


ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Shawnee, Kansas



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Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

Please note: If you are joining us at our outdoor in-person worship, please realize that you may be included in our live stream video or photographs. If you would prefer to not be included, please talk to the tech team BEFORE the service begins.

People standing as able.
The Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful
The Hymnal 1982 #376

All standing, the Celebrant says

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

No collect of purity during Eastertide.

Said all together

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

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.

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

The Response Psalm 22: 24-30

Deus, Deus meus

**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.**

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.

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

Gospel Anthem

Seed, Scattered and Sown

The Gospel John 15: 1-8

All stand as able.

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Please be seated.

Sermon The Reverend Jonathan Brice

The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together.

**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 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

Please stand or sit.



Prayers of the People

May 2, 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Empowered by the Lord's promise that he will do whatever we ask in his name, let us pray, saying: **We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For the church of God and for its leaders, that our lives may be for the glory of God alone, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

For more vigorous efforts to unite all Christian peoples, lest factions and jealousies prevent the spread of the gospel, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

For all who exercise the ministry of preaching, that their words may be full of the Spirit and of wisdom, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

For those among us whose hearts are troubled and anxious, that they may find support in our care, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

For this local community, that our belief in God will be deepened by the word and sacrament we share, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

Teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name, let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the people of Eritrea and Ethiopia

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Church of the Covenant, Junction City

Let us pray: **We ask this in Jesus' name.**

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces: Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Drew Hunnicutt; Benjamin

Karpinski; Patrick McAnerney; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Brian Michael; Collin Kelly; Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For Health & Strength: Joan Duran; Becky Stanley; Chad and Mary Claire Blickenstaff; George Keller; Isabel Ensign; Mickey Cunningham; Merle Cumberbatch; Toni Allen;

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For Birthdays: Andrew Knabel; Michael Knabel; Monica Clarke; Karen Schroeder; Willie McCallum

For Anniversaries: Tim and Clareen Jones;

Let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bring these and all our needs to you filled with confidence in the power of Jesus' name. Hear us and answer our prayers in your great wisdom and love. We ask this through Christ who is our risen Lord now and forever. Amen.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversary Prayer

O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully upon this couple who come to you seeking your blessing on this their anniversary, continue assisting them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

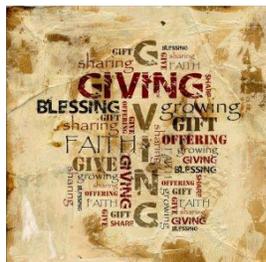
The Exchange of Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Greet each other from a safe distance.



The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem

*Fairest Lord Jesus
Bell Choir Anthem*

The Presentation of Bread



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Standing as you are able.

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.***

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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 stand or sit.

Celebrant

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; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**

Celebrant

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

The Lord's Prayer

(All together)

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gift of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died (and rose) for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



HOLY COMMUNION

Please stay seated. Father Jonathan will come to you with the communion host (wafer).

If you do not feel comfortable receiving the wafer please cross your arms over your chest and he will bless you from a safe distance.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

The Gift of Love

Stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Celebrant

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore.
Amen.

Announcements

The Closing Hymn

More Love, More Power

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Flowers given by Victor Clarke in celebration of Monica's Birthday



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