

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 | 8:45am

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude in C major, BWV 547i

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand, as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 405 All things bright and beautiful

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **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.



J.S. Bach

Royal Oak

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 READING

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.

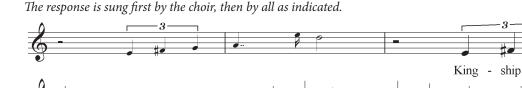
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the 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.

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

PSALM 22:24-30

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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,

to the Lord;

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.

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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. **Response** *Please stand, as you are able.* SEQUENCE HYMN • 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 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."

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

THE SERMON

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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 Rev. Dr. David Barr

BCP, p. 358

Grand Isle

John 15:1-8

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Every Tuesday at Kindergarten Chapel, the students say the following prayers:

Let us give thanks to God for all he has given us in the earth and sky and sea. **We thank you, God.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families and friends. **We thank you, God.**

For our minds to think and hearts to love and hands to serve. We thank you, God.

For health and strength to work and rest and play. We thank you, God.

Above all, we give thanks for your love for us through your Son, Jesus Christ. **We thank you, God.**

Sung in unison.

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Silence is kept.

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond **Amen**.

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

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Hymn 694 (Lytlington)

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Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

In the Highways, in the Hedges Peace Like a River What a Mighty God We Serve

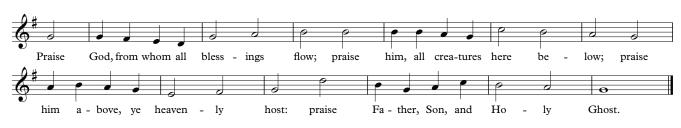
4 and 5-year-old Kindergarteners Led by Sarah Nuss

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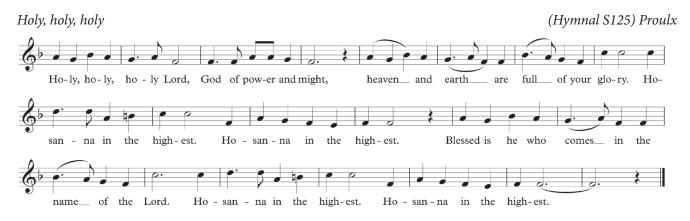
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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. George and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

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

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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 488 Be thou my vision



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

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

After receiving communion, a Prayer Minister will be available in the front right corner of the Nave to pray with you for intercessions, thanksgivings, or other petitions.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O quam gloriosum

O quam gloriosum est regnum in quo Christo gaudent omnes sancti! Amicti stolis albis Agnum sequuntur quocunque ierit. Tomás Luis de Victoria

BCP, p. 364

O how glorious is the kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ, clad in robes of white they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

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Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Margery Kennelly; and the Rev. Richard Kew

Verger Gail Thompson Acolyte Mary Mouton Ward, Miller Logan, Will Gannon, and Louis Gannon Lector Lisa Littlejohn Prayers of the People Zee Pendleton Oblation Bearers The Walker Family: Emily, Chris, Morgan, and Lawson Lay Eucharistic Ministers Brad Pendleton, Kim Baker, Tom Gormley, Red Martin, and Ella Redkevitch Greeters Boo Sanders, Luanne & Gary Waltemath, and Leslie Ann Wilson

The flowers in the Nave are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Cheek, Ed Nelson, and Charlotte & John Kirkland.

The aumbry candle in the Nave is given to the Glory of God in memory of Hudson Goodyear Walker by Shawn Curley.

MUSIC NOTES

O quam gloriosum by Spanish Renaissance composer Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611) responds to today's first reading from the lectionary for the fifth Sunday of Easter, Acts 8:26-40. This anthem depicts the text beautifully. For example, for "they follow the Lamb wherever he goes," the music is active with a rolling note pattern, evoking he movement of Christ's flock. This is typical for Renaissance music; the composers strove to depict the text faithfully with the music. They understood the role of music as the vehicle to provide these sacred texts to their listeners.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Church of Bangladesh.

In the Episcopal Church, we pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for our Bishop, John Bauerschmidt, and Church of the Resurrection in Franklin.

In our community, we pray for Holy Trinity Community Church.

In our parish, we pray for the students, teachers, and staff of St. George's Kindergarten; the volunteers and partner agencies who participated in Mission Day; our Nashville Fellows, Alex, Derek, Laura, and Olivia; and our Organ Intern, Abe.

We pray in thanksgiving for the marriage of Callie Kirkland and Sully Brown.

We pray for those who are in need of healing and comfort, especially Reba Barker, Lucius Burch, Anna Kate Craig, Evans Clements, Bob Daggett, Bill Davis, Livi Grasman, Ed Holt, Ronald Mallek, Susan Narramore, Ruthie Russell, Acra Samuels, Trish Thomas, and Mike Waller.

We pray for those faithfully departed, especially Hope Logan, Bertie Shriver, and Janet Summers.

AN INVITATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS



2ND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ART SHOW

Featuring students' art from Jones Paideia Elementary, Episcopal School of Nashville, & St. George's Kindergarten

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 2:00-4:00pm FREE Family Event

CARNIVAL GAMES FOR KIDS & PRIZES Don't miss the fun!



FREE EVENT IN BRADFORD GALLERY & LEGACY HALL



SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05am

Class descriptions at stgeorgesnashville.org/ministries.

ADULTS

Rector's Roundtable - Johnson Hall Adult Confirmation & Anglican Christianity - Hampton Hall Parenting Series: Worrying Less, Trusting More - Dandridge Hall Grandparenting & Seniors Forum - Room 218 Renewing the Mind - Room 202 Ethics, Theology, & Conversation - Conference Room

YOUTH

Walking Out Our Faith (9th-12th Grade) - Akers Hall *Confirmation* (8th Grade) - Youth Confirmation Room *The Gospel Project* (7th Grade) - Room 219

CHILDREN (The Gospel Project)

Pre-K 3s & 4s - Room 112 Pre-K 5s & Kindergarten - Rooms 114 1st Grade - Room 206 2nd Grade - Room 223 3rd & 4th Grade - Room 205 5th & 6th Grade - Room 204

Thank you to those teachers at St. George's Kindergarten who have been with us for 15+ years!

Mary Ayers Lauren Baird Courtenay Cline Erika Clingenpeel Nancy Jankowski Lisa Littlejohn Zee Pendleton Malinda Philpot Angela Rice Missie Robinson Lisa Saltsman Donna Smith

TODAY! Kindergarten Sunday Please join us for a reception with St. George's Kindergarten families in the Jones Rotunda & Bradford Gallery after the service.

TODAY! Art Show Opening Reception & Carnival This year's collaborative children's show explores the wonder of humankind as portrayed in the story of Genesis and the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Children from St. George's Kindergarten, Episcopal School of Nashville, and Jones Paideia Elementary School responded to the theme "In God's Image" with art that celebrates the love and beauty of God living inside them. Adults and children alike are invited to our opening reception and carnival on Sunday, April 28, from 2:00 to 4:00pm in the Bradford Gallery and Legacy Hall.

TODAY! Hymn Festival: Together We Sing! The final event in this year's *In Excelsis* music series is an all-come participatory Hymn Festival. And yes, many fan favorites are on the docket for our evening of music together. Gerry Senechal will also perform his award-winning organ composition, *Fanfare on St. Magnus.* Please bring a friend and come for a joyful evening of music led by St. George's Choir & Choristers on Sunday, April 28, at 6:00pm in the Nave. Reception to follow in Hampton Hall and the Gathering Space.

Marriage Retreat: Relax & Reconnect The summer is the perfect time of year to get away for a weekend and invest in your most intimate relationship—your marriage! Our weekend away will be led by Margery and Richard Kennelly with a little help from counselor Chris O'Rear. With ample time for exploring the outdoors or cozying up with a glass of wine, our retreat will give you space to reflect on your years together as well as learn some new tools for the journey ahead. There even will be a special opportunity to renew your marriage vows as you enter your next chapter together. Registration has been extended through May 1—learn more and register online at stgeorgesnashville.org.

Seniors Helping Others Join us as we prepare new blessing boxes on Thursday, May 2, at 10:00am in the Library. Blessing boxes are delivered during home visits and offer special encouragement to those who may be going through a difficult season. Join us, and bring your own scissors if you can to help cut and paste the paper materials. Contact Karen Lackey if you can help (lackeykab@gmail.com or 615-352-6263).

Farmers Market Opening Day Market season opens this Thursday, May 2, and St. George's Farmers Market is coming back in style with 25 vendors of produce, meat, baked, goods, flowers, and more. We'll also be joined each week by food trucks with sweet and savory options. At the end of each season, our net proceeds are donated to a non-profit responding to food insecurity in Nashville. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the opening day Thursday, May 2 with newly expanded hours from 3:30 to 6:30pm. Details and social media links can be found at stgeorgesnashville.org/farmersmarket.

Purple Martin Palooza The Episcopal School of Nashville's annual fundraising event is Sunday, May, 5, at 5:30pm at the school. This year's theme is "Havana Nights," and the event will feature live music, a silent auction, Cuban food, and drinks. The school is one of St. George's outreach partners and will be celebrated in our upcoming children's art exhibit in the Bradford Gallery. Learn more about their event and purchase tickets at esnashville.org/palooza.

Church in the Yard We're always looking for volunteers for our ongoing partnership with Church in the Yard on the second Sunday of the month. Volunteers are downtown today sharing a meal and worship with those in need. Volunteers are needed to prepare food Saturday, May 11, and/or to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday, May 12, at Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S). Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach.

Summer Worship Schedule We switch over to our summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 19. Join us for worship at 7:30am in the Nave, 10:00 The Table in Legacy Hall, 10:00 Traditional in the Nave, and 5:00pm in the Chapel.

Parish Picnic on Pentecost Sunday This annual church picnic is the perfect way to gather as we shift into the summer season. We'll worship at new times for the summer on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, then meet outside behind the church for food, fellowship, and play. This event is free, but registration is required. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/ picnic.

Calling All Men Save the date for a fun and casual evening at the Men's Cookout on Thursday, May 23. Watch your email for details and registration coming soon.

75th Anniversary Celebration In celebration of St. George's upcoming 75th anniversary, we are thrilled to announce

a monthly preaching series continuing through October. We've invited previous members of our clergy to serve as guest preachers as we reflect on our shared history together. Watch for details to come, and save the dates for a weekend of 75th anniversary festivities October 25-27.

VBS: Diving Deep Do you have a young sailor who wants to dive deep with us this summer? In this year's exciting VBS program, we'll explore how God invites us to accept grace and shine his light and glory in the world around us. Kids from pre-K 4s through 4th-graders will learn beautiful truths about themselves and their relationship with God as they lean into friendship with him. Registration is almost full, so don't wait to reserve space for your children to attend this year's exciting VBS program, July 16-19. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/children.

Your Gifts Make a Difference Thank you for supporting St. George's with your financial gifts and pledges. Donations like yours allow us to continue serving this congregation and our community by offering worship services, discipleship opportunities, and mission work. We could not do this work without you. Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/give or scan the QR code to donate online.



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then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

SUNDAY SERVICES 7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am: Holy Eucharist 9:00am: The Table 5:00pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL) 7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship 10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer



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