

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

HYMN LEVAS 160: This little light of mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine).

2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

KYRIE: from A Little Jazz Mass

Bob Chilcott

Sung by the Choir. (Please be seated)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: from A Little Jazz Mass

Bob Chilcott

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(please stand)*

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 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30 (*sung by all*)

Henry Smart



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 | heart | live · for | ever!”
26. (*2nd part*) All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to · the | Lord *
and all the families of the | nations · shall | bow · belfore him.
27. For kingship bellongs · 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 · belfore him.
29. My soul shall live for him * my delscendants · 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 SECOND LESSON

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 190: Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary

Fisk of Gloucester

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

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

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The People may add their own thanksgivings.

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
The People may add their own petitions.

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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(please kneel)*
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Amazing Grace

Will Todd

Please see Hymn 671 for the text.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

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: from A Little Jazz Mass

Bob Chilcott

Sung by the Choir.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...

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

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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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Antiphon (Cantor, then All)

Mass for Trinity, Carl Haywood



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Benedictus & Agnus Dei, from A Little Jazz Mass *Bob Chilcott*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall. Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread. If you would like to sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty. If you would like to intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger. Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew. Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest. A standing station is available in front of the pulpit if you will have difficulty navigating the stairs.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray. *(please stand or kneel)*

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HYMN LEVAS 72: Just a closer walk with thee

1. I am weak but thou art strong; _____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, _____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, _____
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, _____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; _____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? _____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more; _____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly
 Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, _____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to

1. long _____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? _____ None but thee, dear _____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er _____ To Thy king - dom _____ shore, to thy shore.
 Refrain: thee, _____ Let it be, dear _____ Lord, let it be.

D.C. for Refrain

The Prelude and Postlude are performed by The John Toomey Trio.

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Portsmouth and St. Christopher's, Portsmouth.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Greg Deutsch, Jonathan Glasser, Neil Grant, Stephanie Harris, Sydney Kelsey, Chris Kline, Brandon Kyle, Mary Kate Peene, Stefan Perry, Fred Quist, and Gwendolyn Sinclair. We pray for the safety of those who are deployed, Lt. Michael Ortiz. We pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace in the Holy Land.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Caroline Ballard, Jane Batten, Carter Bernert, Tom Bolt, David Clark, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Evelyn Green, Bernie Ham, Matt Hickman, Dean Kershaw, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Bahmann Massoud, Bill McAree, Ceil McCoid, Leon Parham, Libby Pidgeon, Andrew Prescott, Jessie Schneider, Susan Schrod, Leonard Strider, William Swan, Rivers Thompson, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Abbey Brassfield, Eleanora Woloy Brown, Ellen Coffman, Elizabeth, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, Judy Holt, Tom Jenkins, Georgia Kenison, Lillian Kenison, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, B.J. Norden, Lisa Palmer, Jason Primm, Dennis Provost, Jeff Scheumann, Mavis Stapleford, and Autumn Vandehei.

This week's birthdays: April 29 – May 5

Maria Booth, Connie Faivre, Michael Harrington, Gary Laws, Emma Riley, Jim Short, Rachel Tobias, and John Yuill.

This week's anniversaries April 29 – May 5

Kristel & Tommy Fitzgerald, Dan & Trish Heflin, and Priscilla & Sam Roady.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of Marijeanne Fenno Cunningham by Robert E. Warren.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC & LITURGY

Parish Dinner and Hymn Sing – Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m.

We will be having a parish dinner and hymn sing on Wednesday, May 1 as a fundraiser for our upcoming 2025 Choir Tour and Pilgrimage. Dinner will be from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Lloyd Hall, provided by the Men's Group, followed by a good old fashioned Hymn Sing in the Church from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Information about the upcoming 2025 Choir Tour and Pilgrimage to England will be released this evening, and proceeds will benefit the Choir Tour Fund. \$20 suggested donation per person.

Contemplative Eucharist – Sunday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. for a special contemplative Eucharist in the Chapel. We will slow down the pace of our normal services, leaving space for quiet and reflection in the midst of our worship and using language and prayers meant to help us embrace the mystery of God. And we will revel together in the music by the incredible harpist Barbara Chapman.

Ascension Day Hymn Festival - Thursday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

God is gone up! Our annual Ascension Day Hymn Festival is sung by the combined choirs of St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Christ & St. Luke's. Dale Adelman, guest conductor, Canon for Music at St. Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta. Free-will offering.

FORMATION

A New Look at the “Old” Testament with Rabbi Dr. Michael Panitz – Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

We are accustomed to seeing the Bible as “a product”—a set of texts coming, ultimately, from our encounter with Divinity. In this series, we intentionally employ a different lens. We will look at the Bible as “a process” and focus on the intersection of religious sentiment and lived historical experience in the centuries when the Hebrew Bible took shape. Our goal is to gain fresh insight into the Bible and, therefore, into its meaning for our lives. This six-week exploration of our biblical heritage is taught by Rabbi Dr. Michael Panitz, Rabbi at Temple Israel in Norfolk and good friend of Christ & St. Luke's. Join us Sundays in Lloyd Hall during the 9:15 a.m. formation hour through May 12.

Childcare and Children's Chapel - Sunday Opportunities for Children

- **9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Nursery**—The 3 and under crowd will meet in the Children's Room (the blue room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs) for childcare if their parents are attending adult formation or sing in the choir.
- **9:00 a.m. Children's Formation**—Children 4 and older will gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as “Sunday School.” We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- **10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel**—All children participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Children rejoin their families at the Peace. If you have a child under the age of 3 whom you would like to stay in childcare for the remainder of the service, just let Henri know when you sign them in!

Important information for when you drop off your child

Please escort your child to the Children's Room (under 3) or the Gold Room (3 and older). Sign them in so we have a record of who is there. If your child is rejoining you for Communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

CSL Youth Meeting - Sunday, April 28, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CSL Youth regular meetings resume TODAY, Sunday, April 28. All middle and high school youth are invited! Contact Kathy Hanna (kathy.hanna@christandstlukes.org) for more information.

Week of Wonder Organizational Meeting, Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.

Week of Wonder, our weeklong camp, will be held August 12 – 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. this year. This week of mornings dedicated to music, art, movement, and spiritual formation is for children ages 3 – 12 years old. The Week of Wonder Team will have their first meeting May 11. Please email Kathy Hanna if you would like to be involved. Registration for participants will open soon.

ADMINISTRATION**Capital Campaign Statements**

Capital Campaign Statements have been mailed. You should receive your statement this week.

FELLOWSHIP**Dinners for 8**

Dinners for 8 is an opportunity to connect newcomers and long time parishioners in small groups over a meal. Our hosts have committed to providing the meal, all you need to do is bring yourself! We are hoping to connect folks who live in neighborhoods which are not too far apart. If this sounds exciting to you, sign up to attend. We will be collecting names through April, and then passing them along to hosts. Each host will work with their group to set up a mutually agreed upon time for the dinner in May. Click here to sign up as a dinner guest: <https://christandstlukes.org/dinners-for-8-interest/> For more information or to volunteer to host, contact Krysti Scheuerle (krysti.m.scheuerle@gmail.com).

First Thursday Suppers Resume – Thursday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you Thursday, May 2, at our First Thursday Supper. Held this month at the home of Robert and Kristi Jones in Virginia Beach, the First Thursday Suppers are a great opportunity for a relaxed “no-agenda” evening with a Pot Luck dinner, friends old and new and plenty of fellowship. No sign up is necessary and all are welcome. For questions, talk to a member of the committee – Ellen Sell, LeeAnn Avery, B.J. Taylor (taylorasc@aol.com) or Betty Denniston at 757-472-7051.

OUTREACH**Silent Auction for Together for Kenya – Sunday, May 19, after the 10:15 a.m. service**

Mark your calendars! Beautiful baskets for specific interests and entertainment and one-of-a-kind items will be available for your bidding pleasure. Think beach basket, book basket, sports basket, and much more. Join us for an enhanced coffee hour in Lloyd Hall with homemade treats and the opportunity to go home with something fabulous and support Together for Kenya! This event is sponsored by Christ & St. Luke's Women of Wisdom Fellowship and will be MC'd by Cathy Lewis.