



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

April 28, 2024

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Liturgy of the Word

BCP 361

Entrance Hymn

"Morning Has Broken..."

1 Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

3 Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

4 Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant and People say

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.

The following is sung, all standing

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

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.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All children (ages 6 - 18) are now invited to join Dr. Michele Lee and Kathleen Moran for Sunday School in the back room of the Parish Hall, where they will have a fun time learning about the Bible and Bible stories. The children will come back to the Sanctuary just before Communion. So, everyone who is going to Sunday School, please meet Dr. Michele at the back of the church.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

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.

Epistle

1 John 4: 7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.**

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 536 vs. 1 & 2

“Open your ears O faithful people...”

1 Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God’s word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.

Refrain:

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah;
and his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah;
and his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

2 They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, then let
them hear.

They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God’s word.

Refrain

Holy Gospel

John 15: 1-8

All stand.

Celebrant 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 vine grower. 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 is read, the people respond as follows:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. John Heidel

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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.**

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Celebrant or Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader: For Megan our Bishop; Rev. John our priest, Rev. Kevin, and for all the faithful who serve in spirit of your Resurrection, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For our President, for all the members of Congress, for our Governor and all those in power, that they might be guided by the spirit of your sacrifice to serve your people without thought of gain and without discrimination, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the Christians in the Holy Land, that they may be safe and their faith remain strong. We pray that the sites where Jesus was born, lived, and died may be accessible to all people, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and ability to conserve it and for the willingness to share the abundance of her harvest among all your people so that no one will hunger, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the farmers and those who feed the hungry, for the firefighters and the peace officers, for the military and the peacekeepers. For those on our prayers list [*Insert prayer list here*] Let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the poor, the unemployed, prisoners and refugees and those who suffer any kind of oppression, and for all who remember and care for them, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For those who are elderly and alone, for those who are affected by illness or despair and for those who have lost contact with you, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the newly baptized. For the children to be, that they may be well as they wait to be born. For the newborns that they may flourish under the care of parents who love them as you have loved us and for all children, tweens and teens, that your Spirit will guide them in lives of active faith, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For those who have recently departed this life, that they may be safe in your arms. For those who lost loved ones, that their loss and pain will be lessened as they remember the promise of your Resurrection, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be made at this point in the service

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings: *Zachary Weirich (4/30), Sonia Cornejo (5/1), Lauren Favella (5/3)*

Holy Communion

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Offertory Anthem

“Abba, Father...”

Refrain:

Abba, Abba, Father.

You are the potter; we are the clay,
The work of your hands.

1 Mold us, mold us and fashion us
Into the image of Jesus, your Son,
Of Jesus, your Son. *Refrain*

2 Father, may we be one in you.
May we be one in you, as he is in you,
And you are in him. *Refrain*

Glory, glory and praise to you.
Glory and praise to you forever, amen;
Forever, amen. *Refrain*

Abba!

Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above you heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Give glory to the Father, give glory to the Son,

Give glory to the Spirit, while endless ages run.

"Worthy the Lamb," all heaven cries to be exalted thus;

"Worthy the Lamb," our hearts reply, for he was slain for us.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above you heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

“Le lo Le Lo Lay Lo”



**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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. 🛎

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 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 Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At Church of the Epiphany, we welcome everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Whether you are visiting from out of town, "shopping for a church," seeking God, or hoping to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our worship services. Whatever your religious background, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status, we welcome you. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please join us at the altar for Communion.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 335

"I am the bread of life..."

1 I am the Bread of life, they who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me, unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

2 The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
They shall live forever; they shall live forever. *Refrain*

3 Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man,
And drink of his Blood,
You shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you.
Refrain

4 I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me,
Even if they die, they shall live forever. *Refrain*

5 Yes Lord we believe that you are the Christ
The Son of God
Who has come into the world. *Refrain*

After Communion, the Celebrant says
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.***

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional

"Canticle of the Sun."

vs. 1, 3 & 5

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest,
come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

1 Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way
Unto your throne. *[Refrain]*

3 Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her myst'ry revealed
Springs forth in joy. *[Refrain]*

5 Praise for the earth who makes life to grow,
The creatures you made to let your life show;
The flowers and trees that help us to know
The heart of love. *[Refrain]*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

NEWCOMERS please make yourself known to one of the Clergy. We have a gift for you – and thank you for visiting us.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS and are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of Rev. Ken Shepard.

SANCTUARY LAMP burns to the Glory of God.

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

8:00 Lector & Prayers: Kate Hitchcock, LEM & Acolyte: Nick Carlson

10:00 Lector & Prayers: Dotty Schenk, Lay Eucharistic Minister & Acolyte: Ann Stoltz

Today at Epiphany

Sunday School! During the 10 a.m. service, children ages 6 to 18 will be excused to meet in the Parish Hall Sunday School Room, then returned to the Sanctuary for the Eucharist.

Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark: After the 10 a.m. service in Rev. John's office. Led by the Rev. Kevin Phillips.

Upcoming Events

Daughters of the King: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 5, in the Parish Hall

Sacred Ground Circle for Epiphany & Grace-Fairfield: Hybrid (Zoom & in person at Epiphany) *begins May 5, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.* See Karen Nolan for information.

Confirmation Class: Hybrid (Zoom & in person at Epiphany) from *1:30-3:30 p.m. beginning May 12.* Contact Rev. John for information.

Daily Morning Prayer: *8 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays* on Facebook Live or Epiphany Vacaville's YouTube channel.

Nightly Compline Service: *8 p.m. Monday through Saturday* on the Epiphany Facebook page.



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