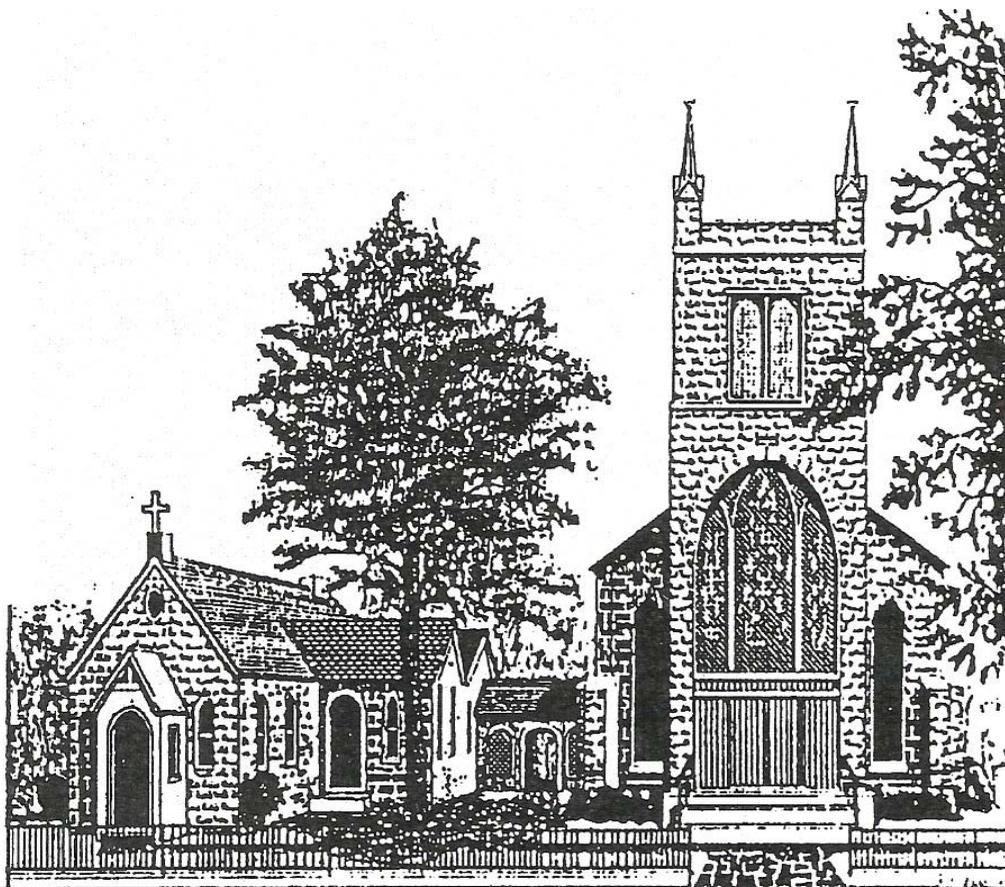


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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2012
Order of Service
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist – Rite I
8:00 a.m.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation	BCP-323
Collect for Purity	BCP-323
Lord, have mercy upon us.	BCP-324

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.**

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus* **BCP-612**

1 John 4:7-21

The Gospel (please stand) John 15:1-8

Sermon **The Rev. Steven E. Carroll**

The Nicene Creed **BCP-326**

The Prayers of the People **BCP-328**

Confession/Absolution **BCP-330/332**

The Peace **BCP-332**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer I **BCP-333**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP-336**

All Baptized Christians are Welcome to Receive Communion.

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP-339**

The Blessing and Dismissal **BCP-339**

Holy Eucharist – Rite II
10:30 a.m.

The Word of God

Prelude *The Rejoicing*

George Frederick Handel

Opening Salutation

BCP-355

Processional Hymn *“We are Marching in the Light of God”* **WLP-787**
Siyahamb’

Gloria in Excelsis

William Mathias S-278

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.**

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.

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

BCP-612

(Anglican Chant sung by choir)

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

- 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.

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.

**Gradual Hymn “*Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*” (v. 1-3) H-513
Bridegroom**

The Gospel (please stand) 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."

Sermon

The Rev. Steven E. Carroll

Anthem

The Nicene Creed

BCP-358

Prayers of the People (Form 4)

BCP-388

The Peace

BCP-360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem *Come Down, O Love Divine*

William H. Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O comforter draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

(Bianco de Siena, d.1434?)

Presentation

tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heav'n ly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP-361**
Sanctus (sung) Setting by Richard Proulx **S-125**

Acclamation William Clisham

Insert

Amen McNeil Robinson **S-146**
The Lord's Prayer **BCP-364**
The Breaking of the Bread **BCP-364**

Fraction *"Christ Our Passover"* David Hurd **S-154**
"Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus" Gary James **WLP-875**

All Baptized Christians are Welcome to Receive Communion.

Communion Chant *"Laudate Dominum" (Taizé)* **WLP-829**
Post Communion Prayer **BCP-366**
The Blessing **BCP-366**

Recessional Hymn *"We Know that Christ is Raised"* **H-296**
Engelberg

The Dismissal **BCP-366**

Postlude *Toccata over Engelberg* David Cherwien

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Mary Anne Mecum Bryant by the ECW of St. John's Church. Mary Anne was a dedicated, lifelong member of St. John's and was very involved in many aspects of the Church during her life. She will certainly be missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY: Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the 35th Day of the Great 50 Days. And, as is our practice, all of the music in today's liturgy is selected to reflect on the themes of today's lessons and prayers. The **Offering Anthem** "Come

Down, O Love Divine” is by William H. Harris (1883-1973). Harris is most remembered for his Anglican Church Music, though his main achievements were as a choir-trainer. He was affectionately called “Doc H” by his choristers. As Organist of St. George’s Windsor, he composed music for the Three Choirs Festivals, conducted at the Royal Coronations in 1937 and 1953. He was knighted in 1954. This Anthem is one of many he composed for his choirs. The **Handbell Prelude** is an arrangement of the fourth movement of “Music for the Royal Fireworks” by George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). It is lively music; and the arrangement requires some very active “four-in-hand” ringing by the treble bell ringers. **The Organ Postlude** by David Cherwien, contemporary American Organist & composer, is based on the tune Engelberg, which we sing as our Recessional Hymn today with the text “I Know that Christ Is Raised”.

FUTURE SPECIAL MUSIC LITURGY: On Sunday, June 17, the St. John’s Choir will sing the *Missa Brevis in D, (K.194)* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart within the framework of the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist. Mozart composed this “short Mass” for choir, four soloists, 2 violins, cello and organ. As at Easter for brass players, we are in need of patronage to hire three string players for this event at \$200 per player. If you are able to assist us in this special liturgical/musical venture, please see Minister of Music, Bill Clisham, for details.

Today, during Fellowship Hour, Donna Donohue will give a short slide show of her trip to El Salvador. Join us and give Donna and Bob a good send off.

Today, Sunday, May 6, at 9:15 a.m. [rain or shine] the Sunday School children will be treated to a tour of St. John’s cemetery. Our tour guide is Curt Harker.

Saturday, May 19, 2 pm at Queen of the Apostles Hall in Pennsville, Family Promise will hold “VaCation” Bingo with Afternoon Tea and Desserts....a chance to win any of 20 prizes. Tickets are \$30...wear your fanciest hat and bring your most delicate tea cup. See details on the boards.

It is traditional to hold classes to prepare both adults and teens for confirmation and to provide a forum for persons interested in what the Episcopal Church believes and teaches. If you are questioning, seeking, interested in joining, or ready to make an “affirmation of faith”. Classes will begin in May.

2012 Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who is currently participating in St. John’s tradition of requesting flowers “in memory of loved ones” or “in thanksgiving for a special occasion.” There are still several Sundays open in 2012.

If any of the dates listed below have a special significance for you, please call DeeAnn Harris (935-3214) or the Parish Office (935-1798) to sign-up with your dedication.

Open Dates: July 1 & 15; Aug 12; Sept 30; Oct 7 & 14.

Remember to save your soda tabs and put them in the jars in the Parish Hall for Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you for your generous donations of food to stock our Food Pantry. You outdid yourselves this week. We still need juice, fruit, canned meats, mac&cheese, Ramen noodles, canned and microwaveable entrees; and peanut butter and jelly. All donations are needed and greatly appreciated.

	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>				
	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
8:00 am	20		17	19	19
10:30 am	50	86	45	37	48
Total	70	86	62	56	67

April 29 Pledges \$606.00 Loose Offerings \$51.50

Counters this week and next week:

5/6 Ron and Bud Magill 5/13 Bill Mecum and TBD

This Week's Parish Calendar –The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Sun, 5/6 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I;**
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal;
9:15-10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum;
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II-Bell Choir Rings;
Fellowship Hour-ECW May Birthday Sunday.
- Tue, 5/8 9:00 Quilters;**
5:00-6:00 Yoga;
6:45 pm Ringers;
8:00 pm NA.
- Wed, 5/9 Noon Eucharist and Healing Service**
in the Chapel;
4:00 Music Around The County in Library;
5:00-7:00 pm Family Support Organization;
8:00 pm AA.

Sat, 5/12

**Vocal Concert by Nate Gable and Gwen Norton,
Free Will Offering accepted for organ and general
music funds.**

We appreciate the Participants in Today's Services:

8:00 a.m.

Presiding & Preaching

The Rev. Steven E. Carroll

Celebrants

The People of St. John's

Chalicer, Lector, Prayers of the People Jim Davis

10:30 a.m.

Presiding & Preaching

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Assisting

Donna Donohue

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Minister of Music

Bill Clisham

Chalicer

Eileen Miller

Lector

Virginia Sisco

Prayers of the People

Virginia Sisco

Acolyte Guild

Aiden Willis-Crucifer

David Miller-Acolyte

Ron Wohlrab-Acolyte

Oblations

TBD

Altar Guild

TBD

Ushers

David and Celeste Willis

Lock-Up Duty

Eileen Miller

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

05/01	Barbara Sweeney
05/02	Christopher Gray
05/04	Bill Pankonien
05/08	Carla Buck
05/10	Caitlin Murphy
05/11	Andrew Wang
05/13	Debra Ann Gralley
05/16	Jan Peterson
05/17	Kristin Stites
05/19	Chris Sorenson
05/21	Rachael Cagle
05/26	Phyllis Little
05/29	Jeffrey Buck
05/29	Robert (Lars) Runkle, Jr.
05/30	Helen Acton
05/30	Jennifer Buck
05/31	James A. Irvine

Happy Anniversary

05/17/1980	Curt and Sue Harker
05/18/1985	Joe III and Jan Peterson
05/20/1950	Mary and Mike Miller
5/26/1979	Fr. Steve and Rosie Carroll



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY
AND ANNIVERSARY**

PRAYERS

Ordained Ministry

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