

Welcome to  
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

10:00 AM, THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



## INTROIT

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Land of Rest*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## GLORIA

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

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.*

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 8:26-40

*Reader:* A reading from Acts.

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** (*sung by the choir*)

Anglican chant: J Corfe (from H. Lawes)

*Deus, Deus meus*

- <sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- <sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- <sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- <sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**GRADUAL MUSIC**

From the Rising of the Sun

F.A. Gore Ousley

*Please stand.*

**THE GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8

*Gospeler*            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.”

*Gospeler*    The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Brent Owens

*Please stand.*

## **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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:  
For our lives and for those whom we love,  
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,  
For our families and our friendships,  
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:  
For our clergy and our bishops, especially Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop John Howard, our priests Brent Owens and Elyse Gustafson.  
For the many lay people who serve the church,  
And serve the world through the church.  
For those gather here in worship and prayer.  
Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, and for all the leaders of the nations that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of all.

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died.

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. We especially pray for Jennifer, Russ, Ann, Brian, Lisa, Nancy, Ted, Teri, Sally, Randall, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine, Joyce, Gail, Art, Patricia, E. G., Judy, Dorothy, Ellen, and Shirley.

*Leader* Risen Lord,  
*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE DOXOLOGY** *(sung by the choir)*

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

## ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*The people stand.*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*People and Celebrant*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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**

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.

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**      For the bread which you have broken      *Omni die*

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*A blessing is offered and the people respond **Amen.***

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*      Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*      Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Participants**

The Rev. Brent Owens  
*Rector*

The Rev. Elyse Gustafson  
*Priest Associate*

Paul Arrington  
Homer Bliss  
*Readers*

## **Altar Flowers**

Given in memory of Newt Newsom, Betty-Marr Newsom, and Brad Newsom from Tripp  
Newsom, Matt Wolfe, and Christyn Lindsey

## **Special Prayers**

**We pray for peace throughout the world.**

**We pray for our companion dioceses of Cuba and Peru, and especially for our companion parish, The Church of the Annunciation in Florida, Cuba.**

**We give thanks and pray for the safety of all healthcare workers during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for:**

Dean, Karen, George, Alan, Naya, Jay, Lysa, Tony, Tom, Brett,  
Susanna C., MacLean Nasrallah, Ilya Nasrallah.

**We give thanks and pray for all the frontline workers.**

**We pray for those in need of healing, strength or guidance, especially for:**

Jennifer Keen, Russ Collins, Ann Ottesen, Lisa, Nancy, Ted, Teri Calinao,  
Sally McKeithen, Randall Burke, Ingo, John, Glenn, Ruth, Constantine,  
Joyce Norville, Gail Dunn, Art Jennette, Patricia Lee,  
E. G. Newsom, Judy Martin, Dorothy, Ellen, Shirley Walters.

**We pray for those affected by COVID-19, and for those who have died from the virus.**

**We pray for those who have died.  
May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**We pray for all who are serving in our Armed Forces and Intelligence Forces, both at home and abroad, especially for:**

Zachary, Brooker, Caleb, Rich, Charlie, Erik, Katie, Bradley Williams,  
Thomas Crouch, Jonathan Ubl, Channing Mattix, Warren Butler.

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays on May 8:**

Hardee Mahoney  
Joyce Norville

Jodie Coleman  
Shawna Morgan-Leu

# **Announcements**

## **Riverside Avondale Preservation Garden Tour**

For the first time in many years, residents of Riverside and Avondale are showcasing their gardens during the Riverside Avondale Garden Tour scheduled for Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. This year's Garden Tour will include twelve residential homes, five businesses, and three community parks.

The Riverside Avondale Preservation annual Garden Tour will allow the public to walk, bike, or ride around the neighborhood to find inspiration and learn tips and tricks on how to garden and transform their own yard.

Garden Tour tickets may be purchased at the RAP office at 2623 Herschel Street from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on the day of the event. For more information, visit [riversideavondale.org](http://riversideavondale.org) or call (904) 389-2449.

### **Street Sign Set-Up**

We could still use more volunteers to help keep the sign in front of the church updated. Volunteers would rearrange the letters to announce service times and other information. If you would like to help, you can contact Gina Olson at [golson@gsjax.church](mailto:golson@gsjax.church) or call the parish office at (904) 387-5691.

### **Flower Delivery Ministry**

We are looking for volunteers to take flowers from the altar to those who can't come to church. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please call the parish office at (904) 387-5691 or email Gina Olson at [golson@gsjax.church](mailto:golson@gsjax.church) so she can put you in touch with others in this group.

## **Thank you!**

We give thanks to:

Glenn Scott and Jamie Reaser for leading Compline last week;

Our readers last Sunday: John Bunker and Chris Mitchell;

Our organist and choirmaster, Don McCullough and the Chancel Choir.

If you have a thank you to share with the congregation, email Gina Olson at [golson@gsjax.church](mailto:golson@gsjax.church).

## **Altar Flowers**

We still have available dates in 2021, if you would like to provide altar flowers in thanksgiving or memory of someone. The cost is \$75. Call the parish office or email Gina Olson at [golson@gsjax.church](mailto:golson@gsjax.church) if you are interested in donating flowers. Dedications and memorials will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

**Available Dates:** May 16; July 11; August 15, 29; September 12, 19, 26; October 17, 24, 31; November 7

## **Attendance**

### Sunday Worship In-Person/Views

April 18                      60/(40)

April 25                      68/(22)

## **Contributions**

Total contributions year to date: \$134,034

Budgeted Contributions year to date: \$128,213

# **This Week**

## **Yoga Classes**

Bonnie Currie and Rhonda Bell of Lotus Yoga facilitate vinyasa yoga classes throughout the week in the beautiful Craig Lounge and the courtyard, weather permitting. Members of the congregation are invited to attend at a reduced drop-in rate of \$10 per class, and all who are unable to pay are invited to join as their guests. Check the online calendar at [gsjax.church](http://gsjax.church) for times before planning to attend. Class times are subject to change. For more information, visit [www.lotusyogajax.com](http://www.lotusyogajax.com). Beginners are welcome!

You can also email [bonnie@lotusyogajax.com](mailto:bonnie@lotusyogajax.com) or [umalumina@yahoo.com](mailto:umalumina@yahoo.com).

## **EWES Lunch on Tuesday**

EWES (Eating With Episcopalians Socially) is a flock of Good Shepherd women who get together at 11:30 am on the first Tuesday of each month. Bring your own lunch and join EWES in the courtyard. No invitation is needed and no reservation is required. We hope you'll join us!

## **St. Catherine's Food Pantry**

Your gifts to St. Catherine's Food Pantry are gratefully received each week. If you have food donations, you may drop them off at the parish office during the week (Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-4:00 pm). Susan Callender will also open the Forbes Street door on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm to accept donations.

**What can you donate?** Recent donations include coffee, honey, Graham crackers, pasta, mac & cheese, juice, cereal, breakfast bars, canned veggies, chili, mayonnaise, sardines, soup, and Beefaroni. Donations of toiletries are also appreciated.

## **Compline on Wednesday**

The service of Compline is available on our YouTube channel on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. It's a reassuring way to end your day and ready yourself for the night.

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Paul Arrington  
Keith Sands  
Anne Graham

Ted Centerwall  
Denise Gilbreath  
Matt Wolfe

DJ Cheek  
Fran Wulbern  
Maureen Ely

## Weekly Calendar

### **Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

11:30 am EWES Lunch in the Courtyard  
1:00-2:30 pm Donations to St. Catherine's Food Pantry at Forbes Street Entrance  
(Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office during the week—Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-4:00 pm)

### **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Cinco de Mayo*  
7:00 pm Compline on YouTube

### **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Mother's Day*  
8:45 am Bible Study in Craig Lounge and via Zoom  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School in the Courtyard  
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Betsy Lovett Hall and on YouTube

Our YouTube videos will remain available to watch after the time they premiere.  
Please check our online calendar at [gsjax.church](http://gsjax.church) for updates.

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