



The Fifth Sunday of

Easter

May 2, 2021

Vision Statement

To be a welcoming, inclusive Christian community growing in faith through worship, prayer, study, and social action.

Our Mission Priority

Our mission priorities focus on seeking justice for people experiencing hunger, poverty, homelessness, and incarceration, as well as ending systemic inequalities of race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist

The Book of Common Prayer Worship for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021

Prelude *Prelude on "Middlebury" (Come away to the skies)* George Shearing (1919-2011)

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

Celebrant **A**lmighty 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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn 296



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re-born we share with him an Eas - ter life.
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -
Bap-tized we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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.

People **Amen.**

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly One, al - might - y God Cre - a - tor, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of our Lord, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Lord; re -
ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God Cre - a - tor. A - men.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

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 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Let us pray this portion of Psalm 22 together.

- 24 My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek you shall praise you: *
 “May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
- 27 For yours is the royal power, O God; *
 you rule over the nations.
- 28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before you.
- 29 My soul shall live for you;
 my descendants shall serve you; *
 they shall be known as yours for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that you have done.

The Second Reading

I 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.

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Repeat until cue

Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia. Al - le

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Deacon
People

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."

Deacon
People

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Daniel Justin

The Nicene Creed

People

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

- Leader* Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.
- Leader* Holy, life-giving God, breathe your Holy Spirit upon the people of your church. Lead us to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection, so that all may have life in his name. Hear us, O God.
- People* **Your mercy is great.**
- Leader* Send rain upon the mountains and sun upon the fields. Bring your creation into bloom in this season, and sustain every living thing with your abundant goodness. Hear us, O God.
- People* **Your mercy is great.**
- Leader* Guide us in ways of faithful stewardship of the resources you graciously give. Establish justice in the economic practices of our homes, communities, and nations. Hear us, O God.
- People* **Your mercy is great.**
- Leader* As you have given life to faith communities around the world, bind us to one another in our life together. We offer thanksgiving for the work and ministries of our many outreach partners and especially pray for the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry, the NoHo Home Alliance, and Prism Restorative Justice. Are there any other thanksgivings? Lead us to share our gifts and learn from one another. Hear us, O God.
- People* **Your mercy is great.**
- Leader* Draw all who suffer and struggle into loving, faithful communities. Heal those who know pain and loss. We pray for all those in this faith community who have asked for prayer, especially Emmanuel Acasio, Katie Davis, Mila Garcia, Marian, James & Kathleen Quinlan, Delia Valencia, Norma Valencia, Matthew Weatherman, Diane Williams, Nikolay Best and The Wilson Best Family, David, those who have asked for our prayers but prefer to remain anonymous, and those included on our long-term prayer list. Please add those in your own prayers. (pause). Inspire us to care for those in our midst. Hear us, O God.
- People* **Your mercy is great.**
- Leader* Giving thanks for the saints whom Christ has freed from the bonds of death and brought into resurrection life, we pray that you make us dead to sin and bring us to new life, we pray for those who have died, especially Robert Anderson, Eve Urwin, and Bea Andrews. Please add those in your own prayers. (pause). Hear us, O God.
- People* **Your mercy is great.**
- Leader* Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- People* **Amen.**

Leader
People

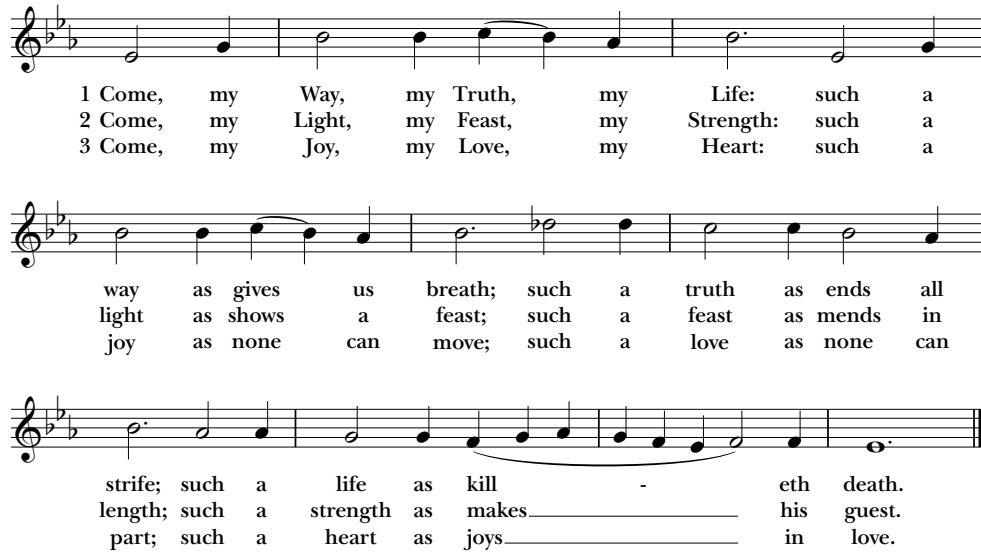
Let us pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.
Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant
People

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

Hymn 487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
People

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Michael, the Angels, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People Amen

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

All **O**ur 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 Fraction

A period of silence is kept, during which the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant 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.

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **E**ternal 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

Celebrant **T**he God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Hymn 213

Unison or harmony

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath

1 joice in the day thou wast born;— on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed,— while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine!— Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus'— Name;— so u - ni - ted in heart,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.—
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.—
3 that our lives may re - main, through-out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.—
4 let us nev - er-more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.—

The Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Long-Term Parish Prayer List

St. Michael's Parish renews its long-term prayer list every six months. All names not requested to be continued are removed at the end of February and August, and new names posted as we are made known of them. Of course, names may be continued from one period to the next. Contact the office at (818.763.9193) or e-mail (administrator@stmikessc.org) and we will be glad to join our prayers with yours.

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Dupke Family
Jacqueline & Ted
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