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# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.



# Welcome to worship at St. Cross!

Happy Sunday. We are glad you are here.

We are a community that serves as a sign of God's love. We believe God's love to be restorative, a source of peace and healing for all and a force that compels us to strive for justice and human flourishing. We strive to live into the gospel ideal of being an open and welcoming community. We offer services, programs and classes for youth, families, the elderly, and the entire community, so that all may grow in God's dream for their life and their world.

More information about St. Cross programs, classes and activities can be found at the back of this bulletin.

The entire service is printed in this bulletin and the people's parts are in bold type. Generally, we sit for teachings and stand or kneel for prayers. Do not be concerned if you are unable to stand or kneel, do what is comfortable for you. Please let the ushers know if you need any other assistance, such as communion brought to your seat.

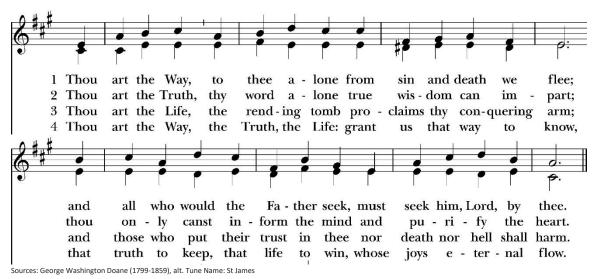
# Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

Christ is alive arr. Jason Krug Morning has broken arr. Michael Ryan St. Cross Handbell Choir

## **Processional Hymn**

Hymn 457



# **Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

Please stand as the ministers enter the church.

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

#### Celebrant and People together 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.

#### Gloria



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# **Collect of the Day**

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.** 

# **First Lesson**

Acts 8:26-40

Please be seated

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.

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



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My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall / praise him:

"May your heart live for / ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow be/fore him. For kingship belongs to the / Lord; he rules over the / nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; all who go down to the dust fall be/fore him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for / ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has / done.

# Gospel

Please stand and face the gospel book. It is customary to make a small cross on one's forehead, lips, and heart at the opening acclamation as a sign that we keep the gospel ever in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

# DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory 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	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Smith

Following the sermon a time of silence for private meditation is observed.

Nicene Creed All stand and face the altar.

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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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**

Please stand. We pray for the church in all places, for the world and our nation, for the needs of others, for ourselves, and for those who have died. You are welcome to add your own petitions as we pray. To add names to the prayer list, please go to stcross.org/pray, or use the prayer card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

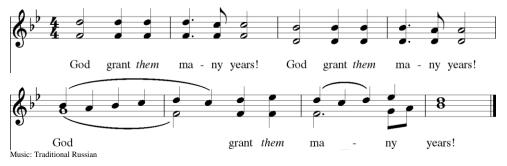
The response to "Loving God," is "Make all things new."

#### The priest concludes with a collect.

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 for ever. **Amen.** 

## **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

All those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries in the current month are invited to come forward to receive a blessing by name and then bid the Peace.



# Peace

All stand as you are able.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of Christ by remaining by your pew and offering a gesture of peace to your neighbors.

# Signs of Christ's Love

We are a community who serves others as a sign of Christ's love. The rector and members of the church share announcements about how the church is serving others in the weeks ahead.

# Liturgy of the Table

# **Offertory Sentence**

#### Celebrant

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11* 

During the setting of the table, a collection is taken to support the life and ministry of St. Cross. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant or assistant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Offerings may also be made online at www.stcross.org/give.

# **Offertory Anthem**

Teach me thy song, O Lord text: Joel Nagy music: Craig Courtney

Teach me thy song, O Lord, that song which graced creations dawn, and bid the firmament unfurl; that bathed the newborn world in uncreated light, that song so bright. Teach me thy song, O Lord, the song which burst the Servant's heart to beat of blows upon the cross; His pain and bitterest loss, and death that should be mine, his song was thine. Teach me thy song, O Lord, that song which swirls to wreathe thy throne, and bears the prayers of all thine own, to thee and thee alone, thy saints and angels raise, thy name to praise. Teach me thy song, O Lord.

**Presentation Hymn** 

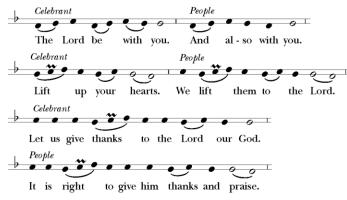
Hymn WLP 765



Text: Susan Palo Cherwien (b. 1953) Music: Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)

# **Great Thanksgiving**

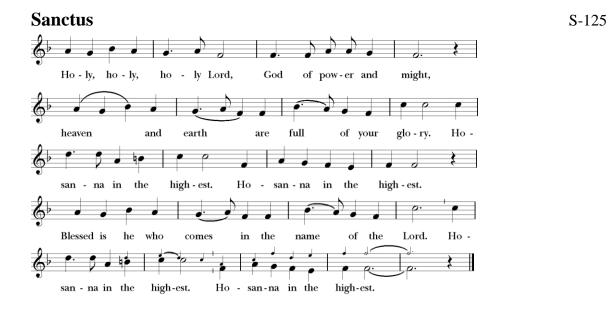
The People remain standing.



#### 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:



#### The people may stand or kneel as they are able. 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 all 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.

#### Celebrant and People

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

#### Celebrant

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

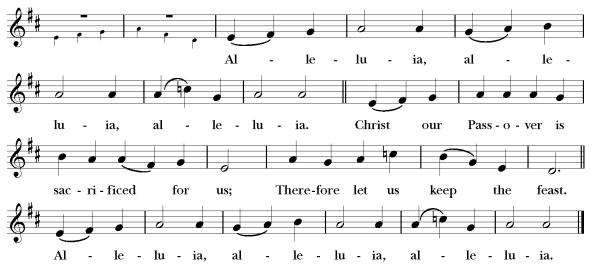
#### People and Celebrant say together

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.

# **Fraction Anthem**

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.



# **Invitation to Communion**

#### Celebrant

Christ whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. Jesus who redeemed us and called us by name, now meets us in this cup. Take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

# Communion

The Congregation is seated until an usher invites them to communion.

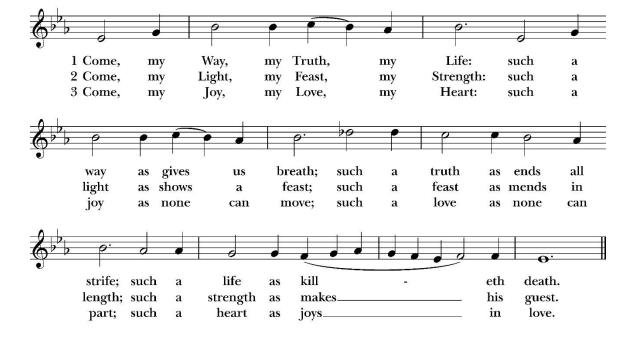
At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward as directed by the ushers. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying the usher. After receiving the bread (wafer), there are two ways you can receive the wine: 1) you may choose to hold the bread in your hand and have the eucharistic minister intinct (dip) the bread in the wine for you and place the sacrament back in your hand, OR 2) you may consume the bread first, then sip from the second chalice. If you would prefer not to receive either the bread or the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing instead. Gluten free bread is offered upon request. Babies and children of any age are welcome to receive communion. If you have any questions or concerns about receiving Holy Communion please feel free to contact one of the clergy.

#### **Communion Music**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence arr. Lloyd Larson St. Cross Handbell Choir

### **Communion Hymn**

Hymn 487



Sources: George Herbert (1593-1633) Tune Name: The Call

# **Prayer After Communion**

*After Communion, the People stand or kneel as they are able and the Celebrant says* Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give this foretaste of your glory.

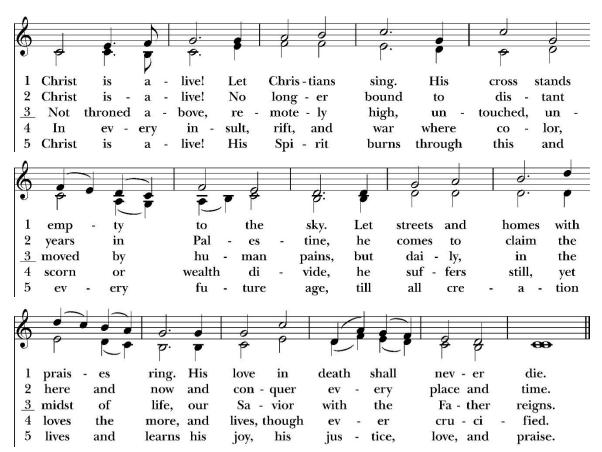
People and Celebrant God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# Blessing

#### The priest blesses the people

God of Peace, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with Jesus in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

# **Closing Hymn**



Sources: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev. Tune Name: Truro

#### Dismissal

Deacon People Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Postlude

*Postlude in D* Healey Willan

### St. Cross Prayer List

To add names to the prayer list, please go to www.stcross.org/pray.

#### Continuing Prayers:

Mike, Ken, Taylor, Samantha, Cathy Abu, John, Ron, Judy, Sherri, Kyla, Elliot, Astin, Selene, Rick, Holly, Bo, Julie, Tony, Caden, Cathy, Jef, Emily, Ethan, Grey

#### For Healing:

Ellen, David, Sage, Carol, Marie, Diana, George, Jess, Anya, Amada, Carl, Teresa, Janet, Anna, Kate, Diane, Molly, Monika, Pam, Stuart, John, Alan, Dave, Birdie, Margy, Teresa, Wendie, Peter, Carol

For Peace/Comfort/Guidance/Those without a job at this time:

Adam, the Brownlie family, Allie, Marilyn, Jessie, Rose, Cornelia, Juliet, Tom, Natasha, Anya, Christina, Viola, Allie, Beth, Phil, Elise, Donna, Kassandra, the Lewis family, Victor, Neil, the Nevarez family, Allie, Marilyn, Jessica, Victor and the Kriechbaum family

#### For Safe Travel:

For Thanksgiving:

For Peter, and the Ministries of the Altar Guild, and the Acolytes

#### For Those Who Have Died: John

<u>For Military Personnel</u>: Jim, Kenneth, Jared, Marcus, Andrew, Will, Bobby, Tori

#### **Community News**

Lectern Announcement and Community News Deadline is **Wednesday at noon**. Please email them to Trudy at <u>info@stcross.org</u>

**"Meet the Bells"** will take place today, after the 10:00 am worship service. The St. Cross Bell Choir welcomes anyone to try ringing. For more information, please contact Sue Christman <u>schristman14@gmail.com</u>

**Connection Cafe -- Sunday, May 5th**. After the 10:00am service in the Guild Room (just off the main Parish Hall). Would you like to get to know St. Cross better? Whether you're new(ish) to St. Cross or a long-time member looking to feel more connected, please join us for a Connection Cafe after church on May 5th. This casual gathering is a perfect time to meet and mingle, ask questions, and give us your feedback. It's a great way to get to know other parishioners, as well as clergy and staff members, on a more personal basis. And, if you're looking for ways to get involved, we can help point you in the direction that's right for you and/or your family. Light refreshments will be served. Questions and RSVP to cjohnson@stcross.org

Next Baptism Date – Pentecost Sunday, May 19, at 10am. If you desire a baptism, please contact the office.

**Vacation Bible School - July 8-12.** All Kindergarten - 5th graders are welcome. We'll also need the help of our awesome middle school and high school youth volunteers. Registration closes on June 2. Contact Rev. Stephen for more information <u>ssmith@stcross.org</u>

<u>Upcom</u>	ning Events	
May 6-8	Clergy Conference	
May 12	Mother's Day	
May 19	Pentecost - WEAR RED	
May 25-27	Parking Lot Fundraiser	
May 27	OFFICE CLOSED	
May 28	Neighbor to Neighbor	
May 28	Vestry Meeting	
May 29	Laundry Love	
June 9	Teacher Appreciation/Last Day of Sunday School	
June 16	Father's Day	
June 19	OFFICE CLOSED	
June 23-Sept 1 SUMMER SERVICE - ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9am		
June 25	Neighbor to Neighbor	
June 25	Vestry Meeting	
June 26	Laundry Love	
July 4	OFFICE CLOSED	
July 8-12	Vacation Bible School	

## Today's Ministers - 10:00am

The Rev. Josh Paget
The Rev. Stephen Smith
The Rev. Patti Angelo
Sean O'Neal
Anne Tittle
Kelly Tsai
Al Dickinson JoAnn and Ralph Kaye Charlotte and Russ Lesser
Annette Graw Eileen Mathews Elaine Wikkramatilleke James Wikkramatilleke

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If you would like to make a flower dedication, please go to <u>www.stcross.org/flowers</u>

