

Voluntary Jesus, My Light

Friedrich W. Zachau (1663-1712)

Hear the words of Jesus: You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first Law of God, and the second is like it:

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two laws hang the whole of scripture.*

#### The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*And also with you.*

#### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth, you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. *Amen.*

#### The First Lesson

*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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### The Gradual *Psalm 22:24-30 (read responsively by whole verse)*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

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 before 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 before 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.

#### The Second Lesson

*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.

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#### Sequence Hymn 487 *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

*The Call*

#### The Holy Gospel

*John 15:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

The Gospel of Christ.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

#### The Sermon

The Rev. James B. Flowers

#### The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

#### The Prayers of the People

Friends, there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. So let us boldly pray to God, saying, “Loving God, *put your words in our hearts.*”

Great vine-grower, remove anything in your Church that hinders our love. May we abide in your Son Jesus. May he abide in us. We want to bear much fruit; we want to be disciples of your Son.

*Silence*

Loving God,

*Put your words in our hearts.*

Ruler of the nations, under your reign the poor shall eat and be satisfied: make known your saving deeds to the ends of the earth.

*Silence*

Loving God,

*Put your words in our hearts.*

Creator God, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine. Give us eyes to see your presence in our world; give us words to witness to your goodness.

You are invited to add your thanksgivings.

*Silence*

Loving God,

*Put your words in our hearts.*

Good Teacher, you sent Philip to the Ethiopian so that he would be transformed by understanding: bless our local colleges and universities. Give wisdom and understanding to all those who teach and all those who learn.

*Silence*

Loving God,

*Put your words in our hearts.*

O God, you are love. You love us so much. We pray for our brothers and sisters, especially those in great need. Increase our love for them; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing touch.

You are invited to add your petitions.

*Silence*

Loving God,

*Put your words in our hearts.*

Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: may your love be an eternal abode for all your saints.

*Silence*

Loving God,

*Put your words in our hearts.*

#### Concluding Collect

O God, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken by drinking from the chalice (please help guide it to your mouth by holding the base of the chalice). Gluten-free wafers are available by request, by placing one hand across your chest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to receive it.*

#### The Offertory

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3, from Enriching our Worship

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on

high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit S-128

William Matthias (1934-1992)

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

*Dying, you destroyed our death.*

*Rising, you restored our life.*

*Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. *Blessed are you, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.*

### The Blessing

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the

blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

For the Procession

*In Thee, O Lord, Have I Put my Trust*

J.C. Bach (1642-1703)

*Please remain in place until the procession is completed.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.*

*Breakfast follows in Stirling Hall.*

### Serving today:

Lector: Cynthia Donnell  
Intercessor: Woody Hannum  
Chalice: Cynthia Donnell  
Usher: Mary Louise Durant  
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Paula Reeves, Michael Johnson  
Flowers: Sheri Hewitt  
Breakfast: Maggie Prestridge, Elva Goldman, Michael Johnson, Brian Allison  
LEV: Matt McDonald & Beth Hardaway

### Upcoming schedule:

Sun, Apr 28  
7:45a Nursery opens  
8:00a Holy Eucharist, church  
9:00a Breakfast, Stirling Hall  
9:15a-10:15a Godly Play, Parish House  
9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm  
9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm  
10:30a Holy Eucharist, church  
Mon, May 29  
7p AA, Smith Rm  
Tue, May 30  
6p AIDS support group, Smith Rm  
Wed, May 1  
8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall  
6p AA, Smith Rm  
Fri, May 3  
6p First Friday at the home of Mark & Dottie Dunnam  
Sat, May 4  
2p Prism, Youth Rm



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

8:00 AM

April 28, 2024

### Welcome to All Saints!

We are a community of faith who seek to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; who seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; who strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being. *Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p.304*

If you are visiting please make yourself known to us either face to face, via the information cards in the pew racks, or via email: [office@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:office@allsaintsmobile.org)

New to The Episcopal Church? Here are a few websites that can help explain our style of worship and any unfamiliar terminology (watch any videos later!):  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/dfms/what-to-expect-when-you-visit/>  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/who-we-are/lgbtq/>  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/>  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/>

### We begin worship in holy silence.

*Please turn OFF all cell phones. The red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the blue Hymnal 1982 are in the book rack in front of you. Hymn numbers preceded by "S" are found in the front section of the hymnal. Words written in **Bold Italics** are said by the congregation.*

### Please keep in your prayers...

**For healing for:** Richard Tillman, Paul & Carla, Pat Lyle, Candy McDonald Harsanny, Judy Boswell, Bruce Barrett, Ginny Alexander, Robert Schutt, Lister Thomas, David Powers, Sue Aiken Zundel, Nick Nichols, Meg Stojanik, Ben Wilson, Lisa Proffitt, Jan Cade, Mary Hunter Slaton, Dee Icard, Sallie Connell, Mattie Mitchell, Chuck Salmon, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Undra Dunning, Renee Dillard, Ellen Corte, Donna Smalley, Caden Gray, LaVada Raouf, Tonny Algood, Mary, Richard Cade, Jr., Millie Elledge Tatham, Ellen Armentrout, Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Adele Smith, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Shirley Day, Staci Smith, Andi Barrett, Dana Brantley, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Pat Clark, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Frieda Kennedy, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Monica McCaskey, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Ruth Rivers, Donna Bowcock, Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Garn Menell, Charlie Fitts, Shannon Cook

For those who serve in the armed forces: especially David Palmer, David L. Ritter II, Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Nyirou Kuot, Matt Abbot, Stephen Rollins, Trevor Thiel

### For those who have died.

*\*Please notify the church office by the last Wednesday of the month if you wish your prayer concern to continue to be listed.*

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