

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024 | 10:00 am

A Welcome from the Dean

Grace and peace be with you! On behalf of the Christ Church Cathedral family, I want to welcome you this morning into the warm embrace of this beloved community. We are so glad that you have chosen to spend time in worship and fellowship with us today.

Jesus said, “when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.” Indeed, it is my hope that, through our prayers, music, preaching, and fellowship at God’s table, you will feel the presence of Christ’s love incarnate in this place.

Our vision is to empower people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world by living out the way of Christ’s love. In covenant with God and each other, our shared mission is to be Christ’s loving, healing, liberating, and reconciling presence in our city and in our diocese.

It is the custom of the Cathedral that during the Holy Eucharist, all are welcome at God’s table to receive the bread and wine, or, if you prefer, a blessing. You are also welcome to stay seated in quiet contemplation. Just know that no matter who you are, where you’re from, you are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati.

If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral and ways to connect and get involved, please fill out one of our visitor cards in the pews, one of our ushers will be happy to receive it and one of our clergy members will reach out in the coming week or use the QR code located in the pew.

If you are able, please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the library (follow the signs), and if you are joining us on the third Sunday of the month, please join us for a tasty brunch in the undercroft (follow the signs).

Again, I welcome you, and give God thanks for your presence with us today!

Your Brother in Christ,
Dean Owen Thompson+

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary

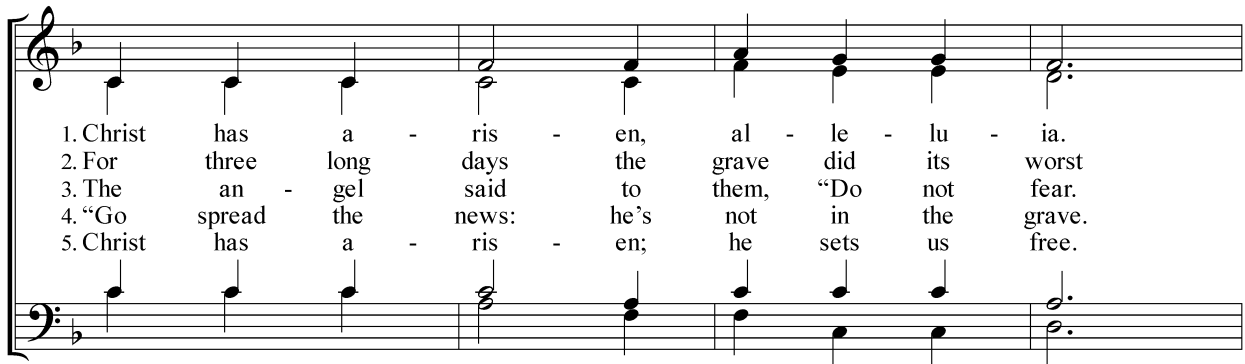
Fantasia super *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, BWV 695

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

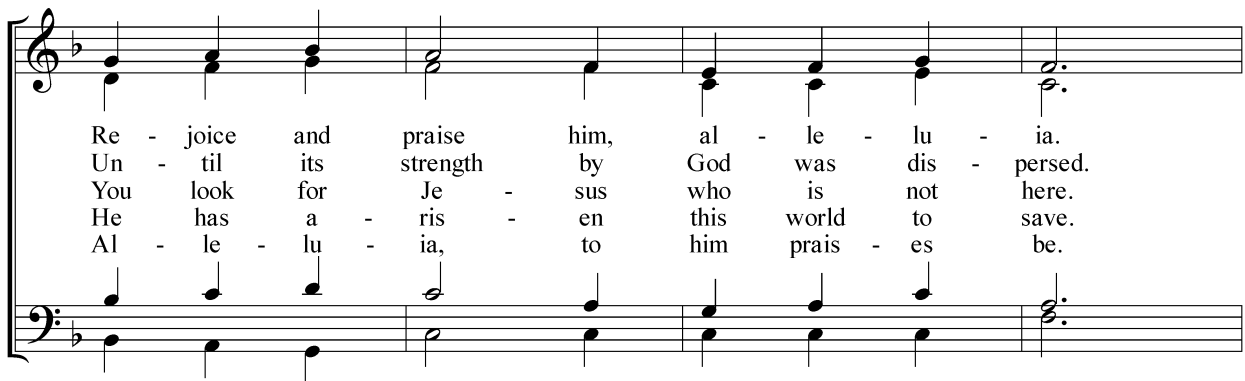
The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral.

Hymn at the Entrance

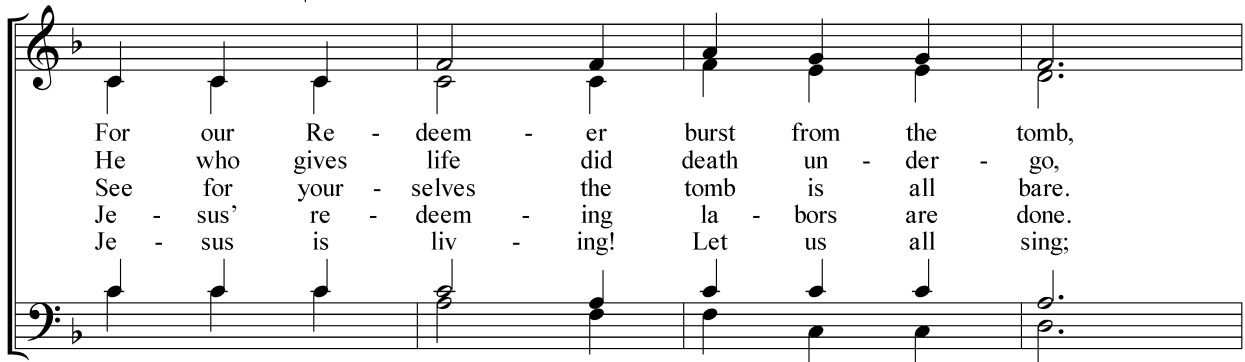
Christ has arisen, alleluia



1. Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2. For three long days the grave did its worst
3. The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
5. Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly king.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

The Gloria in excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry. —
(♩ = ♩. of preceding — same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —
Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, —
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 Fa - ther: 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 the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

The People sit.

The First Lesson

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV)

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

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

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.

Psalm 22:24-30

Chant: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

The Second Lesson

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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. *1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)*

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

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn at the Sequence

In Christ there is no East or West

The Hymnal 1982: No. 529

The Gospel

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." *John 15:1-8 (NRSV)*

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The People 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People, saying
Let us offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

The Intercessor offers prayers for the Church, the Nation, the welfare of the world, the community, those who suffer, and the departed.

after each petition
Our hearts are full this day, Lord,
as we embrace new life in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable collect. The People respond **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Anthem at the Offertory

I Am the True Vine

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Text: John 15:1-2, 5, 8-9, 12

Music: Peter Aston (1938-2013)

Hymn at the Presentation

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed
bring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
high:

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

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



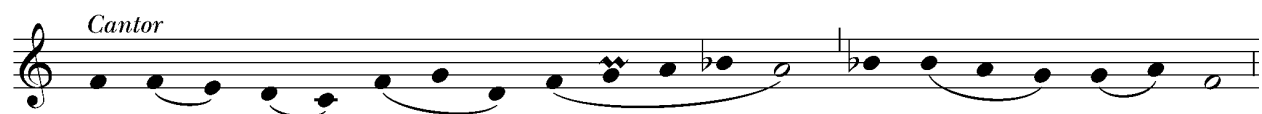
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music at the Communion

O Sacred Feast

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluya.

Text: attr. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Music: Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

The Hymnal 1982: No. 178

The People stand.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The 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. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

The Hymnal 1982: No. 296

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



*Immediately after the organ voluntary, clergy are available for
healing prayer and anointing with oil at the communion rails.*

Please join us for coffee hour in the Undercroft.

Ministers

The Very Reverend Owen Thompson, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Canon Brian Blayer, *Preacher*
The Reverend Canon Paul Williams, *Deacon*

Susan Anuforo, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Dianne Butler, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
George Mutema, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Susan Pace, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*

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Steven Davis, *Reader*

Michael Unger, *Intercessor*

Cheryl Eagleson, *Head Verger*
Lynn Okel, *Verger*

Jerry Stein, *Acolyte Master*
Steve van Allen, *Acolyte*
Suzann Parker Leist, *Acolyte*
Stephen Okel, *Acolyte*

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Tom Cecil, *Usher*
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Bertie Ray III, *Usher*
Paula Rose, *Usher*
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The Christ Church Cathedral Choir
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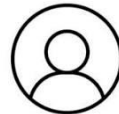
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