

# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

10:00 AM

**We welcome you to St. Catherine's!**

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.  
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,  
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

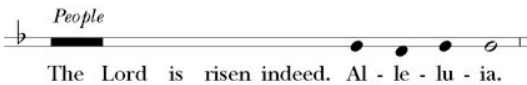
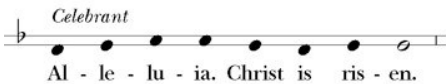
**Processional Hymn**

*On this day, the first of days*

**Hymnal 47**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP p. 355**



**Song of Praise**

*Glory to God*

**Hymnal S-280**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."*

**The Lessons** (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

*The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.*

**Sequence Hymn**

*God is Love, let heaven adore him*

**Hymnal 379**

**The Gospel**

*(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**The Prayers of the People (Form III)**

**BCP p. 387**

**The Peace**

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

**BCP p. 830 (50)**

**Blessing of Tania Wilkes**

# Lectionary and Music Insert

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

**Psalm 22:24-30**

**BCP p. 612**

*At 8:00 AM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.*

*At 10:00 AM the Psalm is chanted by the Choir.*

## THE EPISTLE

**1 John 4:7-21**

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.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## **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.



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>The Offertory</b>	<i>Hail to the Lord's anointed</i>	<b>Robert J. Powell</b>
<b>Presentation Hymn 380</b> (Verse 3)		<i>Old 100<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>All stand who are able.</i>		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
<b>The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer D)</b>		<b>BCP p. 372</b>
<i>Sanctus</i>		<b>Hymnal S-129</b>
The Great Amen ( <i>see Lectionary and Music Insert</i> )		
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		<b>BCP p. 364</b>
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>The Fraction Anthem</b>		<b>Hymnal S-155</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>I come with joy to meet my Lord</i>	<b>Hymnal 304</b>
<b>The Postcommunion Prayer</b>		<b>BCP p. 365</b>
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors</b>		
<b>The Easter Blessing</b>		
<b>The Concluding Hymn</b>	<i>Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing</i>	<b>Hymnal 344</b>
<b>The Dismissal</b>		<b>BCP p. 366</b>
<b>Postlude</b>		

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**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

are given to the Glory of Almighty God  
and in thanksgiving for the service & ministry of Tania Wilkes  
and by Morgan Eubank  
in celebration of the birthday of Rory Anne Eubank.

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT**

shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament.

**Worship Services**

**Sunday**

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM  
Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

**Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector**

For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr. James:  
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*The mission of St. Catherine's  
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love  
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
and to share the Good News with all.*



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