

***St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton***

***May 2, 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter***

**Opening Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**The Gathering of the Community**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* May he fill our hearts with joy.

*Officiant* Almighty God,

*All* to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.

**Glory to God**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*All* and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Please refer to the following pages for a copy of this Sunday's readings.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**Sentence:** Yr.B: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

**Collect:** Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**A Reading from the Book of Acts.**

Then 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

**Psalm: Refrain:** Yr.b: *All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. **R.** 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. **R.** 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. **R.** 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. **R.** Psalm 22.24-30



**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 Saviour 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 judgement, 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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

Jesus said, "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

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

God of love, in this Eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Sermon

**Hymn for Reflection:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## The Nicene Creed

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* 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.  
With the Father and the Son

he is worshipped 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**

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,  
“Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and  
life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength  
in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in  
Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the  
earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God  
welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in  
God's forgiveness.

*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*All* we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have  
not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly  
sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have  
mercy on us and forgive us, that we may  
delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and  
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in  
eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* Amen.

### **The Peace**

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

### **Offertory Hymn: *I Come with Joy***

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Officiant* Gracious God,  
you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
*People* Amen.



## **The Doxology**

*Officiant* Glory to God,  
*All* whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*Officiant* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our  
Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the  
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you  
may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his  
sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.  
*People* Amen.

## **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Closing Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling*