



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II MAY 15, 2022 10:00 AM

### Tower Bells

### Voluntary

*Fugue in D major, BWV 532*

J. S. Bach

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Hymn 583 *(Standing)*

*O holy city seen of John*

### The Opening Acclamation

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### The Collect for Purity

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.**

### Hymn of Praise 417, v. 1

*This is the feast of victory for our God*

*The cantor and congregation sing the Antiphon; the choir sings the verse.*

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Antiphon*

## **The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* 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 First Reading Acts 11:1-18** *(Seated)*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn 529** *(Standing)*

*In Christ there is no East or West*

## **The Holy Gospel John 13:31-35** *(Standing)*

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Children's Chapel**

*Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children may gather on the church steps for a children's homily and then process out to Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace.*

## **The Sermon** *(Seated)*

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon

**The Nicene Creed** *(Said by all, standing)*

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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** *(Kneeling or standing)*

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and John, our mayor. For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Abi and Bill, our priests; Joe, our deacon; John and Caroline, our missionaries to Ecuador; Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest; the Bishop Coadjutor-elect; and the St. John's rector search;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, David Loyd, Vonnie Davis, Marta, Charles Anderson, Paul Sawyer, Kathy, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest. Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

Remembering our Education for Ministry graduates, we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Priest concludes with a Collect.*

## **The Peace** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory**

*Butterflies and Moths (from Bless the Lord)*

Andrew Carter

Emilie O'Connor, soprano; Kristina Nilsson, violin

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your contributions in the offertory plates as they are passed in the pews. To make a digital offering through St. John's online portal, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code on the back panel of this bulletin or click the "Give Now" button on the St. John's home page. You can also make a gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56, or by mailing your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, consider setting St. John's up as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

### **Presentation Hymn** *(Sung by all, standing)*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:

### **Sanctus S 125**

*Holy, holy, holy*

Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*(The congregation may kneel or remain standing.)*

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.



**Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by all, kneeling)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*People:* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following rite is offered:*

*Priest:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth to... bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 432** *(Standing)*

*O praise ye the Lord!*

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary**

*O filii et filiae*

Healey Willan

**Tower Bells**

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**Flower Dedication**

*In thanksgiving for the gift and joy of music and in honor of Sibley's senior voice recital,  
given by the Shippen family*

*To make a digital offering, use your phone's camera to scan here:*

