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Vision: "God loves everyone in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit."

Mission: "The church on the hill, providing a spiritual home for people to grow in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and share this faith with the community and the world."



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant then continues

Priest: There is one Body and one Spirit:

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Hymn of Praise

The Celebrant then continues

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect and The Lessons

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.*

Here an appointed person reads the following:

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.

The Reader may say: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence may follow

Here an appointed person reads the following:

Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

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

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Reader may say: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence may follow

Here an appointed person reads the following:

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.

The Reader may say: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence may follow

Gospel Hymn

Then, all standing:

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

John 15:1-8

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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Rev. Will Reller

Priest: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor: I present Josiah Joseph Martinez to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?

Josiah: I do.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Josiah: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Josiah: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Josiah: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Josiah: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Josiah: I do.

Priest: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Josiah: I do.

Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Josiah Joseph Martinez who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Priest: Josiah Joseph Martinez, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Josiah Joseph Martinez, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

After the baptism, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

People: And also with you.

Priest: Josiah Joseph Martinez, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion, God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Peace

All Stand

The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord is always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Priest: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says:

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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory;

Then the Celebrant continues

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Joseph and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Sung together, Celebrant and people (Malotte)

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Priest says: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Celebrant and People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Facing the people, the Priest says the following Invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are Welcome!

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Priest says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: ***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

Recessional Hymn

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses them with these words: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayers

"Heavenly Father, I come before you with a heavy heart, seeking hope and strength in times of uncertainty. Help me to trust in your plan and find peace in your presence. Fill us with hope and courage to face each day with faith and perseverance. Amen."

Terry Burns, Crystal Blochler, Tom & Katie Branch, Sally Aigner, Pat Muller, Tim & Carolyn Ohlrogge, Chuck & Rose Hinton, Julia Kouris, Noel & Nina Schloegel, Terry Burns, Jim & Donna Potter, Hank Jones, Amie & Connie Navarre, Peggy Supplee, Jay & Jeanne Dewey, Stephen Nye, Sophie & Diana Zakhem, Melanie Christopher, Kathleen Reeves, Ruth Ann Rowley-Manro, Jim & Kathy McKinna, The Hernandez family.

Serving Today

Celebrant:	Rev. Will Reller
Open church:	Steve O'Donnell
Close church:	Steve O'Donnell
Usher:	Steve O'Donnell
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Sally Aigner

Lector: **Rae Garrett**
Chalice Minister: **Sally Aigner & Rae Garrett**
Audio/Visual: **Mike Fields**
Altar Guild: **Joanna Pask**
Music: **Stephen Nye**
Sunday School: **Kathleen Cummings**

Thank you all for your time and effort. You are truly appreciated!

Mark your Calendars

Wednesday, May 1, 2:00 pm Lectio Divina

Wednesday, May 8, 2:00 pm Lectio Divina

Sunday, May 12, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Bishop Kym Lucas

Wednesday, May 15, 2:00 pm Lectio Divina

June 22 & June 23 PrideFest

Community Ministry needs for April 2024 Canned Fruit, Jelly, Diapers (sizes 5 & 7)

Events Outside Our Walls

- **World Labyrinth Day Celebration**, May 4, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Lakewood. Come for all or part of the day. [Learn More](#)
- **Screening of "Philadelphia 11,"** Saturday, May 4, 1:00 pm, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Aurora. [Learn More](#)
- **Conflict Transformation Skills & Restorative Conversations**, June 12 & 13, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Lakewood United Methodist Church. [Learn More](#)
- **St. John's Vacation Bible School**, July 15-19, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Boulder. [Learn More](#)
- **Organ Dedication and Recital, Sunday**, April 28, 2024, 4:00 pm, at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 6653 W. Chatfield Ave., Littleton, CO 80128. Join us as we dedicate our new 3 manual Allen CF 30 Organ. We'll celebrate with with an organ recital followed by a reception. For more information, contact Kent Bates, (303) 979-5236. [View flyer](#)
- **Taylor Concert: Maurice Clerc, Organ**, Sunday, May 12, 3:00 pm, at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 631 N. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. French Organist, Maurice Clerc is the Organist Emeritus at Dijon Cathedral, after serving as the titular organist for 46 years. Clerc, known for his glorious and vigorous playing, will offer a concert of French organ masterworks. For more information, please visit <https://www.gssepiscopal.org/taylor-concerts>.
- **Stars and Pipes Forever**, Sunday, June 30, 4:00 pm, at St Stephen's Episcopal Church 1 Del Mar Circle Aurora CO 80011. Our Director of Music, Frank Perko III, will perform an organ concert featuring many of our most beloved patriotic songs and tunes. The

Canterbury Choir will also be a part of singing in the concert, and in addition, the audience will also have the opportunity to sing along in some of our nation's most treasured patriotic music. After the concert we'll enjoy a reception with good old-fashion hot dogs and goodies. A freewill offering will be collected in support of the music program. Please visit ststephensaurora.org for more information.

- **Colorado Rockies Faith Day**, Sunday, August 11 – First pitch at 1:10pm when the Rockies take on the Atlanta Braves! For groups of 20 or more, call [303-762-5437](tel:303-762-5437) or email faithday@rockies.com. For groups of less than 20 please visit www.rockies.com/faithday

Special Note:

Bishop Kym Lucas will meet with St. PJ's vestry before service, May 12, 9:30 am

Please, plan to stay after service on May 12 for a reception with our Bishop.