



**ALL SAINTS'**  
**SERVING CHRIST IN SCIOTO**  
**COUNTY SINCE 1819**

**All Saints' Episcopal Church**  
610 4th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 2, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.

*The Rev. Paul Bennett, Priest in Residence*

**Welcome to All Saints' Parish Worship.**

*The service printed here is from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer instead to receive a blessing, please come and signify this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**11:00 - Holy Eucharist Rite II (BCP 355)**

**Hymn 296** *sung by the cantor*

"We know that Christ is raised"

ENBELBERG

**The Word of God**

BCP 355 • **The Acclamation** *Standing*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

BCP 355 • **The Collect for Purity**

**Gloria in excelsis** *read by all*

**Glory to God in the highest, 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**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Please be seated for the Lessons*

**The First Lesson** *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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:24-30** *chanted by the cantor*

- 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 Second Lesson** 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation** *standing; chanted by the cantor*

*Alleluia! Abide in me as I abide in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia!*

*Please remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Gospel** *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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon** The Rev. Paul Bennett

### BCP 358 • **The Nicene Creed** *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.**

### BCP 383 • **Prayers of the People** *Form I, standing or kneeling*

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Leader: For ... let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Leader: In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: **To thee, O Lord, our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### BCP 360 • **The Peace** *Standing*

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Please exchange a sign of God's peace with others.*

## **Offertory Anthem**

## **The Holy Communion**

*Please remain standing*

### BCP 361 • **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Celebrant continues with a Proper Preface*

... 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:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

BCP 362 • **The Prayer of Consecration** *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 363 • **The Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

BCP 364 • **The Lord's Prayer** *Traditional*

**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. Then may be sung or said*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Fraction Anthem** *Agnus Dei*

*Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.*

**The Communion of the People**

*If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion,  
please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

**Hymn 323**

"Bread of heaven, on thee we feed"

*JESU, JESU, DU MEIN HIRT*

BCP 365 • **The Postcommunion Prayer**

**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.**

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 304**

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

*LAND OF REST*

BCP 366 • **The Dismissal**

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