

# *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**May 2, 2021**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



## **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

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Westcliffe, Colorado 81252

Bishop: The Right Rev. Kym Lucas  
Canon to the Ordinary: The Rev. Canon Alex Dyer  
Regional Missioner: The Rev. Rich Munsell  
Priest: The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing  
Musician: Barbara Saint-Amour  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

Prelude  
Greeting

**The Word of God**

Processional

**Blue Hymnal 460 (vs 1-3)**

*“Alleluia Sing to Jesus”*

Acclamation

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**People**

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

Celebrant

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*

Gloria

**Blue Hymnal S280**

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.*

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day :

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 Lessons:

### **Old Testament Lesson**

**The Lord prepares an Ethiopian eunuch to understand the gospel and prepares Philip to convey it. Philip obeys and a rapid conversion results.**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22: 24-30     *Dominus regit me*

**Refrain:**    Make known the saving deeds that God has done.

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 forever.

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

## The Epistle:

**Jesus calls us to an obedience that involves both our words and our deeds.**

A reading from the First Letter of 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 Concludes with: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

**Red Book 113 (v. 1)**

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,  
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;  
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

Celebrant: 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, "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."

## Gradual

**Red Book 113 (v. 2)**

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,  
That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;  
So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me  
That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing

## Nicene Creed

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 of God, Light of Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance 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 – Form III

### **The Leader and People pray responsively**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

*Silence*

**Passing on of a Loved One~Family~Friend~Neighbor**

**+++Billie Jo Hermansson+++**

**July 23, 1959 - April 6, 2021**

**+++Dwaine Erwin Robey+++**

**October 3, 1935 - April 8, 2021**

O, Lord, we call upon you in our time of sorrow, That You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships. Keep us ever in Your watch, til we can walk again with light hearts and renewed spirits.

*Reading of the Easter Flower Gifts*



## ***2021 Easter Flowers are given as follows:***

### ***In Loving Memory of:***

Don Drummond

Farther David Crippen

Ann Ewing  
Arland and Azalea Ewing

Vic, Anita & Tom Barnes

Willard & Hazel Walker;  
Anita (Walker) Barnes;  
Jackie (Walker) Hallauer &  
Kirk Ruzanski

Father Bill Willson;  
Clarence & Helen Gross  
and Clarence & Gene Willson

'Grandpa' Bill Willson

Inis Falkenberg & Elaine Hall

### ***Given By:***

Nancy Drummond

"His Girls"

Father Wayne

Vic Jr., Jacke, Roger & Marci

The Walker Family

Ann Willson; Ann Barthrop;  
Lisa;  
Adam; Sara & Cheryl

Lisa, Adam, Cheryl, Sara &  
Ethan

Marci Gregg

***In Loving Honor of:***

Ann Barthrop & Ann Willson

Billie Jo Hermansson

***Given With Love By:***

Lisa, Adam, Cheryl, Sara &  
Ethan

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*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*



## Illness/Injured/Surgeries

(\*\*\* indicates new prayer requests)

Bruce Neumann (Barb's Brother)\*\*\*

Zion Parsons (Paul & Nicole's 10 yo Grandson)

Kristen Murray (Mike & Bonnie's Daughter)

David Thompson's Mom

Loren Elston, Sandy & 12 yo Samuel Barrett

(Greg & Janet's Family)

Edurvijes Rodriquez (Leida's Mother)

## Continued Healing & Prayers

The Drummond Family

The Stocker Family

Mary Chandler (The Ann's Cousin)

Jim Willson (The Ann's Brother-in-Law & Uncle)

Parson's Dad & Grandson

Helen Ensrude (Mike's Mom)

David Cross (ALS) and family

Suzane Steele

The Canda Family

Carryn Anderson

(Mike and Bonnie's daughter)

Linda & Alan McPeak

Willdra Ruzanski

The LoPresti Family

The Benesch Family

Neal Johnson & wife Joanne

(Sandra Attebery's Family)

Billie Jo Hermansson and Family

(Ann & Ann's

Daughter and Sister)

Lee & Park Street

Zahara

Shannon Proctor

Dean Zylich

The Rev. Wendie &

Evalds Jekabsons

Dallas Anderson

Maria Thrurn

## *A Blessing for Caregivers*

May you see with tender eyes, The wounds of those before you.

May you hear with well-tuned ears, The unspoken needs of those whose

voices are muted. May you hold with gentle hands, The bodies and the

spirits of those you care for. May the beauty of soul, The strength of

spirit, The wholeness of being lead you, inspire you, And let you know

your own, Beauty of soul,

Strength of spirit, Wholeness of being. May you know that, As you care

for others, God cares for you, sees you, Holds you tenderly. *Amen.*

The above prayers are provided for your use during your prayers throughout the week, remembering there is strength in prayer. Please let Ann Barthrop (cell # 303-547-4723, call or text, or at abarthrop@msn.com) if you know of anyone who should be on the prayer list or if you would like a special prayer recited in this prayer list.

## Confession of Sin

Celebrant: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*Silence may be kept.*

### Priest and People

Most merciful God,  
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 neighbors 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.*

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

## **The Peace** (unmute)

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

## **Blessings** (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Red Book 60**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good  
your vows to the Most High.

**\*Mail Pledges and Plate to POB 208, Westcliffe 81252**

### **Doxology**

**Red Book 77**

*"Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow"*

# The Spiritual Communion

(Zoom Attendees, items with \*\* are for the in-person Communion)

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharist Prayer A** (listen in silence)

BCP 361\*\*

“Holy, holy, holy Lord. . .”

BCP 362\*\*

## The Lord’s Prayer

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

**Agnus Dei** (spoken)

**Blue Hymnal S158**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*grant - us thy peace.*

## The Communion Prayer (zoom attendees)

In union, O Lord,  
with the faithful who yearn to gather  
at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,  
we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
We present you our souls and bodies  
with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you,  
and, since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart.  
We unite ourselves with you,  
and embrace you with all the love of our souls.  
Let nothing ever separate you from us.  
May we live in you,  
and may you live in us,  
both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

## A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
We, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your  
praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

**Red Book 87** (sung 3x's)

*"Surely The Presence"*

One Bread One Body  
(Inside front of hymnal)

O Christe Domine Jesu  
(Inside back of hymnal)

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365\*\*

## Benediction

## Procession to Serve

**Blue Hymnal 680**

*“O God Our Help in Ages Past”*

## Dismissal:

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world,  
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

## Postlude



## *May – September 2021 Calendar*

✦ **Weekly Morning Prayer Service: Thursdays 8:30 am** ✦

✦ **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Discretionary Plate Offering May 9, 2021** ✦

All plate cash offerings on the second Sunday of each month are designated for the Pastoral Care Discretionary Account.

**Friday, July 23, 2021: Father David Crippen’s Memorial Service  
at St. Luke’s.**

**Mark your calendars. Details will follow.**