

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

8:00am & 10:30am



The Baptism of the Eunuch Rembrandt 1626

*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

Please silence your cell phones.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Partita on Middlebury
Trish Rooney, Organist

Charles Callahan

Processional Hymn

Come, ye faithful

Hymn #199

(stand as you are able)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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.*

The Gloria in Excelsis

People: *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.*

Gloria

Gloria

Con moto ♩ = 128

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
6 earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we
11 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - - - ry.
16 *mf* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
21 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
26 *mp* right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer.
31 *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
36 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
41 *ff* glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men, A - - - men.

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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 Lessons

New Testament

A Reading from Acts

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 Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 22:24-30

- 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.

New Testament

A Reading from First John

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 Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

The whole bright world rejoices now

Hymn #211

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 15:1-8

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll & Walker

Musical score for Celtic Alleluia, O'Carroll & Walker. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first line starts with a 2-measure rest, followed by the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The second line starts with a 7-measure rest, followed by the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The score includes various rhythmic values and rests.

(seated)

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

Nicene Creed

Confirmation class

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, compassionate, all knowing, powerful, and pretty chill, who looks over the whole world, controls everything, and loves unconditionally.

We believe in Jesus, the son of God, who is a "pretty cool dude." He spreads love and joy, ministers to the sick, the friendless, the needy, and the forgotten. He saved people from impending doom, and forgives all of our sins.

We believe in the Holy Ghost, God's middle man, who is part of God, who comes down from Heaven to speak God's word.

We believe that God created all things, both good and bad.

We believe that Jesus was nailed to the cross for our sins, and that when raised from the dead, Jesus "dipped from earth."

We believe that salvation is the forgiveness of our sins and Jesus taking the wheel.

We believe that the church is a pretty chill place to worship and a holy place.

We believe that sins are things that God doesn't like, and that Jesus forgives our sins by letting them go and by loving us.

The Prayers of the People

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, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Paula our own Bishop;

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, especially Byron, Patrick, Shane, Melinda, Donna, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Beverlee;

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, for those of others, for those celebrating birthdays, especially Betsy *Parke* (04/28), Meghan *Cramer* (04/30), Bill *Schulz* (04/30), and Theresa *Cox* (05/02), and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Doug and Cheryl *Rogers* (04/29).

For those serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry.

Celebrant adds a suitable collect

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide

Ian Higginson

(The text for this anthem can be found in The Hymnal 1982 #192.)

(8:00am spoken)

Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: *And of thine own have we given thee.*

(10:30am sung)

Offertory Response

Hymn #193

vs. 5

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise, and God the holy Ghost, we raise.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(standing)

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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

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

I is

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 *(8:00am spoken)*

*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.

(10:30am sung)

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato ♩ = 84

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
5 God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
9 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the
14 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: **H**oly 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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. When ever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify (†) us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem (8:00am spoken)

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

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

Fraction Anthem (10:30am sung)

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

*E*ternal 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.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

He is risen

Hymn #180

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

St. Kevin

Edwin T. Childs

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God
from John & Jean Frana
in loving memory of Jim & Ellen Erkert.

Adult forum each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday April 28th, we will be having a group/family craft activity tying in with earth day.

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft, followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.

Note about cover

The Baptism of the Eunuch is a 1626 painting by the Dutch artist Rembrandt van Rijn, owned by the Museum Catharijneconvent in Utrecht since 1976. This is a panel Rembrandt made in the first years of his long career. It is inspired by a painting his teacher Pieter Lastman made in 1623. The panel is signed "RH 1626" in the bottom right. It was rediscovered in 1976 in a private collection.
www.artbible.info/art/large/1013.html

Announcements

Today after the 10:30 service, we are making pinecone birdfeeders for our feathered friends. Please join us for this family-friendly activity in the Undercroft.

Nametags: If you would like a nametag made, please contact the church office via email at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org or via phone at 815-964-5514.

Book Club: Join us Tuesday, May 14th at 1pm in the Janet James Room. May's choice is "News of the World" by Paulette Giles. In the aftermath of the American Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this morally complex, multi-layered novel of historical fiction from the author of Enemy Women that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

Grief Group: meets next on May 6th at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

Save the Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Emmanuel Celebrates its 175th Anniversary with Confirmation at 6pm. The Rt. Rev Paula Clark, Presiding. Reception to follow in the Undercroft.

Last year, a group of knitters at Talcott Free Library embarked on a project. We, along with friends and neighbors, knitted Chemo Hats for cancer patients at the three Rockford hospitals. We collected 63 hats! This year, we're doing it again. The hats must be soft, acrylic or cotton and washable for both men and women. We hope to collect all the donations by Memorial Day, May 27th. Just drop them off at the Talcott Free Library in Rockton. Thanks in advance for any donations you can make.

Rockford Area Pride: Emmanuel is marching in Rockford's Annual Pride Parade on Saturday June 1. If you are interested in participating contact Todd Burton: todd.r.burton@gmail.com. Show your Pride by ordering a Pride T-shirt at:
<https://www.rockfordareapride.org/product-page/unisex-eco-friendly-cotton-t-shirt>

On Thursday, May 23, at 11:30 a.m. you are welcome to join the Dining Out Group at "The Sisters Thai Cafe" located at 514 E. State St. Mary will be happy to make your reservation...Call her at 815-654-8995. Thanks and see you there.

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Assisting in the Liturgy.

8:00 a.m. Lector: Clare Kagan

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/MC: Stacey LaRosa
1st Reading: Phil James
2nd Reading: Judy Schnauffer
Prayers of the People: Mark Baldwin
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