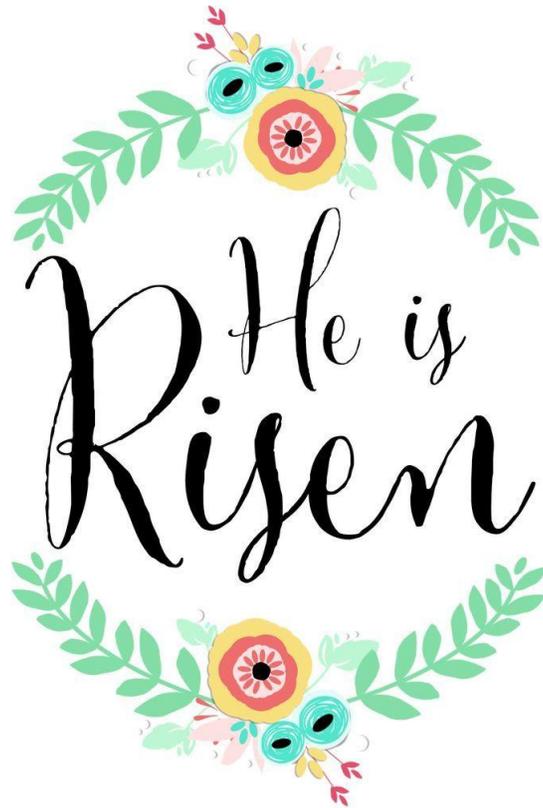


St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Incline Village, Nevada



*"Seeking Light and Sharing Love"*

# The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### **Prelude: SPIRIT & SONG Hymn 184**

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth,  
And I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing of when your love came down,  
I could sing of Your love forever.

Oh I feel like dancing; it's foolishness, I know  
But when the world has seen the light,  
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now.  
I could sing of Your love forever.

### **Announcements**

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **Hymnal 1982 Hymn 379**

“God is Love”

God is Love; let heaven adore him;  
God is Love, let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him  
And exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation:  
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us,  
All the world in one embrace:  
With unfailing grasp God holds us,  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then we find that self-same aching  
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts all human life,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.

## **Opening Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

## **Collect for Purity**

### **Song of Praise: 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.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

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 First Reading: 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.

***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.***

**The Second Reading: 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.

***Thanks be to God.***

**LEVAS Hymn 89**

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
“If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.”

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
“If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Holy 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.”

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

**Sermon**

the Rev. Canon Mark Furlow

**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 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.*

**Prayers of the People:** God of grace and glory, we thank you for your creation that surrounds us: the beautiful blue Lake, the snow-capped mountains, the evergreen forest, and all the creatures that live beneath those branches. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

God of grace and glory, we give you praise for the healed, the joyous, and all of those thanksgivings we bring before you this day \_\_\_\_\_; *(the congregation may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud)*. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

God of grace and glory, help us understand Jesus' resurrection and increase our faith in you; may your answers to our questions continue to make us stronger. We pray for all of those seeking light and sharing love. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

God of grace and glory, the reconciliation between us is fulfilled in Jesus; we ask that your commandment of love been enacted throughout this country and especially through all of those in authority. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

God of grace and glory, we pray for those who live alone and for others who live in loneliness; we pray for the unemployed, underemployed, and those suffering economic hardship and stress. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and our concerns we bring before you \_\_\_\_\_; *(the congregation made add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

God of grace and glory, we ask your presence with the anxious, the mourning, and all of those you have departed this realm to the life eternal with you: \_\_\_\_\_; *(the congregation may add their own commemorations either silently or aloud)*. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

God of grace and glory, your revelation to us is in the blessing and breaking of bread so that we may be what we see, and receive what we are. Be with us now in the remembrance you commanded. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

With great joy and jubilation we celebrate this Easter, for we are chosen by God as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection. God of grace and glory, we praise you: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **Concluding Collect**

#### **The Peace:**

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

### **SERVICE OF THE TABLE: Eucharistic Prayer D**

#### **Music at the Offertory: "Draw the Circle Wide"**

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

**Offertory:**

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**Easter Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say, **Hymn S 129: 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.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might be faithful stewards of your creation. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and

again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***AMEN.***

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *[All those seeking light and sharing love are welcome at the Lord's Table; gluten free wafers are available]*

### **Music at Communion: LEVAS Hymn 149**

“In Remembrance of Me”

In Remembrance of Me, eat this bread.  
In Remembrance of Me, drink this wine.  
In Remembrance of Me, pray for the time  
When God's own will is done.

In Remembrance of Me, heal the sick.  
In Remembrance of Me, feed the poor.  
In Remembrance of Me, open the door  
And let your brother in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;  
Drink and remember too,  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you.

In Remembrance of Me search for truth.  
In Remembrance of Me always love.  
In Remembrance of Me don't look above,  
But in your heart look for God.

Do this In Remembrance of Me.

Let us pray: *Holy, gracious, God, Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.*

### **Special Blessings**

#### **Congregational Blessing**

#### **Hymnal 1982 Hymn 376**

“Joyful, Joyful”

Joyful, joyful, Lord, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee.  
Hail Thee as the Sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light.  
Fill us with the light.  
Oh, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**This month we remember those who are in our Columbarium:**

Annalisa Hemphill, Harold and Irene Herz, Richard A. and Donna J. Herzig, Clark Hestmark,  
Lita Hill, Ralph Hitchcock, Walter E. and Virginia A. Hoadly, Norma Hoch,  
Irving and Dorothy Horton, Edward H. Howard, and Larry Ingemanson

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Minister of Music: Donna Axton  
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Worship Leaders: Lans Levitt & Nancy Rawie

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Connie Skidmore, *Clerk (non-voting)*  
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