

**All Saints' Church  
Park Slope**



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist**

**April 28, 2024  
10am**

*Welcome to All Saints' Church. We are so grateful for your presence among us in worship today. This bulletin contains everything you need to participate fully in the liturgy, but do not hesitate to ask if you require any assistance.*

**Organ Prelude**      *Prelude in C*      Henry Thomas Smart

**Processional**      *Come ye faithful, raise the strain*      **Hymn 199**

**The Salutation**

*Celebrant*      Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Collect for Purity**

**The Gloria**      Andrews

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we  
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the

world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the  
world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, 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 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.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm**                    (*sung by the choir*)                    Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

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

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

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

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..

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn**

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

**Hymn 487**

**The Gospel**

John 15:1-8

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 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. Steven D. Paulikas

### **The 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**

Rejoicing at Christ’s resurrection, we offer up our joys and concerns to the God who fills the world with love; now let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the people of God and for the Church, that it may proclaim the love of

Christ in word and deed; let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, our Bishop, and for All Saints' Church, that God may pour out on us the Spirit of love and forbearance; let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Joe, our President, Kathy, our Governor, Eric, our Mayor, and for all who bear authority; let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the victims of war, hunger, disease, and violence in this country and around the world; let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection; let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the blessings of this life and for eyes to see God's hand at work around us, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

*We would love to get to know you! Fill out a welcome card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate*



*To make an offering, use the offering plate or digital card reader by the entrance. Alternatively, to use the QR code below, open the camera on your phone, scan here*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymn 490

### The Great Thanksgiving

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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 sing,

### Sanctus

Hymn S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer found on page 373 in The Book of Common Prayer. After remembering Christ's sacrifice, the Celebrant says,*

*Celebrant* ...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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

*The Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer and bids the People to join in saying the Lord's Prayer:*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

WLP 86

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Invitation

*All are welcome to receive Communion. The People approach the chancel steps beginning from the front pews and working backwards. Extend your hands to receive the consecrated bread, then turn to the right or left toward the end of the pew. Walk to the back of the church and forward down the center aisle to return to your seat.*

**Communion Meditation** *I Give to You a New Commandment* Peter Nardone  
**Communion Hymn** *In Christ there is no East or West* Hymn 529

The Post-Communion 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 Easter Blessing

**Concluding Hymn** *God is love, let heaven adore him* Hymn 379

The Dismissal

*Deacon*  
*People*

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

**Organ Postlude**

*Hyfrydol*

Healey Willian

## **Announcements**

**WELCOME** to all who are visiting us this morning—your presence here is a blessing to us! Please introduce yourself to a member of the congregation and sign our guest register at the entrance so that we can stay in contact.

**Holy Eucharist** is celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sundays and 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. During the season of Easter, **Morning Prayer** will be said in the church at 8:30am every Tuesday & Thursday morning. **Evening Prayer** is said in the church on Sundays at 5pm.

**Sunday School** takes place every week during the 10 a.m. service in our downstairs program space, and ends in time for Holy Communion. During Lent, children will be learning about this season through interactive adventure books and engaging activities. To register your child please fill out the form on our website or speak to a member of the clergy.

All are welcome to come downstairs to the lounge for **Coffee Hour Express** following the 10am service.

Join us this Sunday immediately following the 10am service for our weekly **Sunday Forum**. All are welcome!

**All Saints' Take The Met, Harlem Renaissance Edition Sunday, May 5 at 1pm.** Join us for a wonderful opportunity to explore, through 160 works of painting, sculpture, film, photography, and ephemera, the era known as the “Harlem Renaissance.” We'll leave together from the church at 1 p.m on Sunday, May 5. and we'll gather in the museum for a coffee to discuss all we've experienced.

**The 2024 Racial Justice Initiative trip is going to Philadelphia!** Mark your calendar to join us on **Saturday, June 15** as we learn part of the history of race in the City of Brotherly Love and we form ourselves to continue our work today in our city and beyond. More details soon!

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