



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021
5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 LESSON

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 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.

People

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.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please stand

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 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.

Please be seated

THE HOMILY

The Rev. M. Dion Thompson

Please stand

THE NICENE CREED

All *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

Leader *Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*
People *That we all may be one.*

Leader *Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;*
People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader *We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*
People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on all those who suffer from grief, sickness, or any kind of trouble.
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world...

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. . . .

... 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.

All Amen.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

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

*All 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.*

FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
All 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.

EASTER BLESSING

MUSICAL OFFERING

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Bart Marshall and family
Gene Velchek
Zane Coroslund and family

Tami LaBuda
Daniel Dykstra
Vivian Mae Groft

Gil Cochran
Lane
Tony Parker

Bob and Pru Clopp
Erich and Adela Rose
Kathryn Anschutz

IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Chad, Eloise, Lila, Hadley and
Cece Patton
Chris, Beth and Madeline Petrie
Robert Pike
Suzanne Pletcher

Steve and Charlotte Pennington
Maureen Peterson
Margaret Phipps
Mark, Rebecca, Desmond and
Ophelia Pincelli

Gloria Petit-Clair
Jean Phillips
Wilson and Elizabeth Phipps
Allan and Patricia Poffel
Pamela Polgreen

Steven, Heidi, Gwenyth
and Helena Petras
Marcella and Natalie Pike
Paul Pope

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher/Officiant	The Rev. M. Dion Thompson
Welcome Ministers	Linda Adamson, Lucia Tyson
Reader/Prayer Leader	Connie Saeger-Proctor
Altar Guild	Mary Greczyn, Allison Hyland, Nancy Neomany
Flower Guild	Ariel Biddle, Mimi Jones
Director of Music	J. Ernest Green
Special Music	Brianna Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our call at St. Anne's is to Enlarge the circle in order to reflect the love of Christ by Building, Engaging, Evangelizing, and Forming Disciples.

BUILD

Church Reopening



There are opportunities on Sundays for both in-person and virtual worship:

- 9:30 AM in-person* & live stream
- 12:30 PM Sycamore Tree (Children's Worship)
- 5:30 PM in-person*

*There is limited seating, and we ask that you reserve a seat if you wish to attend. To reserve, please email Nikki Aseltine at nikkia@stannes-annapolis.org or phone 443-808-1376 during business hours. All weekend in-person services must be reserved before 10:00 AM on the Friday prior to attendance. St. Anne's follows CDC and Diocesan guidelines regarding physical distancing and for cleaning protocols and attendance. We ask that you please wear your masks when you come, and if you are ill or at risk, please remain at home.

Evening Prayer

St. Anne's holds a virtual Evening Prayer Monday through Friday, starting at 5:30 PM. Please join us. All you need to do to join is click [here](#). A password is not required. Please mute your microphone if you are not reading, and turn on your video. We want to see you! Alternatively, you can also join by phone by calling 253-215-8782 and entering Meeting ID 968 512 333. Evening Prayer also streams on our Facebook page. Our Evening Prayer ministry is led by Madeleine Hughes and Walter Leisersohn.



Stephen Ministry



"The consistency of our Stephen Ministry relationship was crucial in helping me cope. Her weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. She was a steady reminder of God's presence, helping me know I was never alone." ~ Care Receiver

Please know that St. Anne's Stephen Ministers have continued to faithfully meet with their Care Receivers by phone or video call every week to give emotional and spiritual support to those in need. If you would like to receive care from a Stephen Minister or know of someone seeking care, please contact The Rev. M. Dion Thompson dthompson@stannes-annapolis.org; Patricia Jennings 203-313-4665, pajquilter@yahoo.com; or Hearon Dickson 919-270-1683, hearon.dickson@gmail.com.

Prophetic Public Witness: A Justice Agenda for People of Faith

Join the Disciples Center for Public Witness on May 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM for our annual Spring 2021 virtual event. This year's featured speaker is our very own Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, President and Senior Lecturer at Repairers of the Breach and Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.



The cost for this event is \$20.00. Once registered, you will soon thereafter receive an email with the Zoom login information for the event.

[REGISTER TODAY.](#)

ENGAGE

We Engage based on our devotion to Christ.

St. Anne's Cemetery Call for Volunteers



Spring has arrived and St. Anne's Cemetery is in full bloom. If you have not been there lately, come and stroll our 17 acres of natural beauty and history. Hopefully, you will notice the lovely entrance gardens, trees in bloom and the monuments and sculptures throughout the grounds. Our dedicated little group of "Cemetarians" have been coming out every Thursday, weather permitting, to plant, weed, trim vines off of trees and clean monuments. During the pandemic, we have found that working in the cemetery gets us out into nature among friends but socially distanced.



We would love for you join us! We are at the cemetery from 9:00 AM to whenever on most Thursdays (weather permitting), so come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Bring garden gloves and a water bottle. If you have garden tools, bring them but if not, there are always those that can be borrowed. If you have any questions, call or email Ginger DeLuca at 410-626-0098 or vcdeluca@verizon.net.

Environmental Committee Plant Sale

Remember that you will be able to "purchase" many beautiful plants at the Environmental Plant Sale on May 9 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the churchyard. We will have herbs like mint, thyme and garlic chives as well as flowering plants such as Hostas, blue flag iris and ground cover irises, catmint, Hellebores (Lenten roses), Lilly-of-the-Valley, and much more. Proceeds from your donations will go toward the gardens in the St. Anne's Cemetery.



Partners in Mission in Guatemala

Hmm...a single concrete block – not the easiest thing to haul around at 35 pounds each. Each family has to lug around 85 of these blocks as they work to construct their new latrine. The commode base weighs in at over 150 pounds – yikes! And the pit, you ask? Oh – it is hand dug, 3 foot square and a depth of 10-15+ feet, depending on the water table, the length of use, and the number of people expected to use the latrine. All this by hand. And, importantly, the latrines are constructed in such a way that they can be dismantled and re-positioned as needed in future years, so this is a sustainable project.



St. Anne's has partnered with many families on this project so far – but there are 100 families on the waiting list, and we expect more as success is realized. They are ready and willing to do the work, eager to improve their day-to-day life by the simplest of necessities. So, these families are doing their share – let's do ours by providing the financial piece of the project. The \$200 per latrine cost covers materials, assistance as needed, and importantly, training in use and maintenance. Your gift, of any size, is perfect and most welcome.



Mother's Day is coming – why not honor a beloved mom or sister or aunt or grandma in your life by contributing to this effort! Click [here](#) to donate on-line. Use the box marked "Sister Parish (Guatemala)" - thank you! We will also have a table outside in the churchyard on nice days for in-person donations. Thank you for all you do to support health and independence for our friends in Guatemala!

EVANGELIZE

We Evangelize by spreading the love of Christ.

The Light House



We will be preparing dinner for May 27 and June 2. For May 27 we need one more person to make a meatloaf using 1/3 the Light House recipe, 2 people to make bowtie pasta salad using 1/3 the Light House recipe, a green vegetable, 4 dozen dinner rolls, dessert (your choice but let Nancy Greeley know what), a gallon 2 percent milk, 2 volunteers to provide 12 cans/ bottles single serving dinner type drinks and 2 people to donate 12 dozen hard boiled eggs (for Friday breakfast).

The guests at the shelter have requested our barbecue chicken again. For June 2 we need one more person to make barbecue chicken (crockpot recipe), 2 people to provide 2 1/2 – 3 pounds coleslaw (store bought OK, especially Graul's), dessert (your choice), gallon 2 percent milk, and 2 people to provide 12 cans/bottles single serving dinner type drinks – iced tea, Arnold Palmers, sparkling or flavored water.

For questions or to volunteer contact Nancy Greeley at momgreeley@aol.com.

FORM

We Form ourselves by learning and reflection.

Mid-Week Wednesday Morning Prayer and Scripture Study



Have you ever wanted to dig deeper into the Sunday lessons? Perhaps, after reading the lessons, you have asked yourself, “what about the text” is the preacher not saying?

Maybe you have wanted to be part of a group that studies and reflects upon scripture at a deeper level. Please join us over [Zoom](#) for Morning Prayer and Scripture Study based on Sunday’s lectionary propers. The sessions will be led by a member of the ministerial team at St. Anne’s. We will begin with Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM and then head into the study of scripture using the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. The lessons can be found [here](#). We will be using Track 1.

Thy Kingdom Come



Hello Families! Fr. Manoj is launching a new series for St. Anne’s called “Thy Kingdom Come.” It includes a family-friendly resource called “The Cheeky Panda.” This is a fun and entertaining way of engaging families in Bible stories.

Each week between Easter and Pentecost, we will provide a short cartoon video for you to watch, activity sheets, and prayers for the entire family. It is our hope that you will find these resources helpful for you and your family to grow deeper in your faith and engage in meaningful formation.

During COVID-19, many families have been asking how to keep their children engaged in Sunday School and their Christian journey. This is one way that you can take the lead and help your child grow in faith. You may download the resources including the Cheeky Panda [Prayer Book](#), [Family Service](#), [Activity Pack](#), and the [schedule](#). Please plan a time each week to engage in Thy Kingdom Come. If you have questions, please contact [Connie Saeger-Proctor](#), Minister for Congregational Life.

Sycamore Tree

Our children's worship service has a new look! Check it out! Families lead us in the reading and prayers, while Kristin Pagent and Ken Kimble lift our hearts in song from St. Anne's sanctuary, and Connie Saeger-Proctor shares a lesson. Now professionally produced by our Sunday morning technology team to amplify our praises to God (yay!) Pray with us this week! Special children’s learning activity sheets are available every Sunday. The Sycamore Tree is premiered at 12:30. Watch Sycamore Tree [here](#).



Harrison Sayre Award

Harrison S. Sayre was a long time active member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. When he died in March 2005, friends, family and fellow parishioners donated money to set up an award in his name to be given each year to a graduating high school senior planning to attend a two or four college or university the following fall. The award recipient will have been active in some aspect of St. Anne's life (Sunday School, youth group, choir, etc.). Previous winners include Andrew Loughlin and Jack Hair. The \$1,000 award is intended to help defray the cost of textbooks. The application can be accessed [here](#), and must be completed by May 17, 2021. Please ask an adult with whom you have served at St. Anne's for a brief recommendation. The recommendation form can be found [here](#). Selection criteria is based on service to St. Anne's and the community. A committee consisting of members of the Sayre family, a member of the memorials committee and a member of the clergy will select the winner from the submitted applications. The award will be announced at church in June at a service to honor all graduating seniors. For questions or more information, contact Nancy Greeley at 410 224-2975 or momgreeley@aol.com



The Ethiopian and Philip, Angel's Chapel, Seckau Abbey, Styria, Austria