



# San Jose Episcopal Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Baptism

April 28, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.



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## **All are welcome at San Jose Episcopal Church**

We welcome you to San Jose Episcopal Church, a traditional parish focused on the Holy Eucharist and the best of the Anglican tradition, which welcomes all people and embraces many points of view. Our commitment is to work, worship, and minister in the service of our Lord; and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we intend to live prayerfully and joyfully in each other's company. We welcome everyone who wants to join us on any part of this holy pilgrimage. Above all, know that we are blessed to have you worship with us.

## **About Worship in the Episcopal Church**

If our liturgy (worship) is unfamiliar to you, we hope the information below will be helpful. If you require help, please inform one of our ushers or simply turn to one of your neighbors in the pews, let them know you are a visitor, and they will gladly help.

Our liturgy is rooted in the practices of ancient Christianity. Everything you see and hear today, including the prayers, music, architecture, physical postures, and responses, hold deep meaning about our beliefs, and are intentional and outward expressions of our faith.

Families with children of all ages are welcome at our worship services. There are many postures of prayer observed in the Episcopal church, usually standing or kneeling, but please do what you find most comfortable. Restrooms are located outside of the main church entrance to your right as you exit.

We now have assisted listening devices available for use during livestreamed services. Please contact an usher to request one. Users will need to supply their own headphones or earbuds. Instruction cards are available when you request a device.

## **About Receiving the Holy Communion**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at San Jose. If you are unable to receive at the altar rail, notify an usher and the clergy will come to your pew. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest. Please notify the clergy if you require a gluten-free wafer.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## The Word of God

*The tower bell is rung to signal a time of preparation. The people remain seated.*

### Prelude

Prelude on *Engelberg*

### Opening Hymn *Standing*

We know that Christ is raised

Hymnal 296

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

### The 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: Acts 8:26-40 *Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from Acts.

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.**

### **Psalm 22:24-30** *Sung by the choir.*

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 Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21**

*Reader:* A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John.

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.**

### **Gospel Acclamation** *Please stand.*

**WL&P 848**



*Choir:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Choir:* Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord;  
I am the vine and you are the branches.

*Choir:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **The Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*Celebrant:* 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."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Sermon** *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Stephen C. Britt

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented by their Sponsor,*

*Sponsor:* I present Jessica Leigh Bowden to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate:* I do.

*Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented by their Parents and Godparents,*

*Family:* I present Isabella Leigh Lloyd to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents,*

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Family:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Family:* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Sponsors:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Sponsors:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Sponsors:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Sponsors:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Sponsors:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Sponsors:* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:*       **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:*       Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:*       **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:*       Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:*       **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:*       Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People:*       **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:*       Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:*       **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:*    Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant:*    The Lord be with you.

*People:*       **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:*       **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## The Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

Jessica, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Isabella, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Jessica, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Isabella, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

*The Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All:* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**The Peace** *The people stand and greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem**

O Blessed Spring

Robert B. Farlee

**Presentation Hymn** *The people stand as able.*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow, Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, you heav'n-ly host:  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

# 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.**

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** *Sung by all.*

Hymnal S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*It is customary for the people to remain standing during the Easter season.*

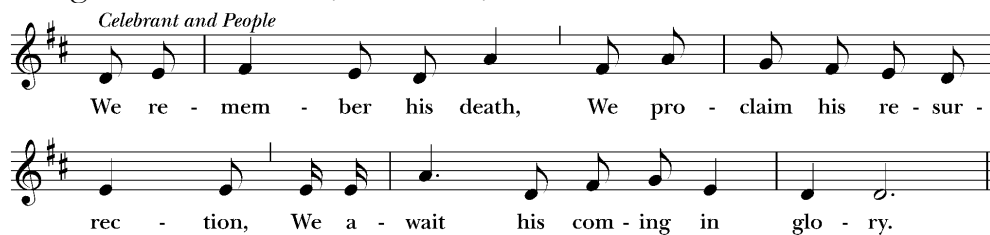
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Setting: McNeil Robinson II

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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



Setting: McNeil Robinson II

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.*

**Agnus Dei** *Sung by all.*

Hymnal S 164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

**Communion Hymn**

Ubi caritas et amor

WLP 831

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**Closing Hymn**

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people*

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

**Postlude**

Toccatà

