

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

11:15 A.M.

## CHRIST<sup>THE</sup> KING

ANGELICAN CHURCH

Just ask the waves if they are stilled  
at the mention of His name:  
They'll say, "My God is still the same."  
Ask the walls if they still fall  
at the mighty sound of praise:  
They'll say, "My God is still the same."

When did He break His promise?  
When did His kindness fail?  
Never has, never will;  
My God is still the same.  
When did He lose His power?  
When did His mercy change?  
Never has, never will;  
My God is still the same.

Just ask the words you've prayed in desperation  
if they're heard:  
They'll say, "My God is still the same."  
Ask the grave if it's strong enough  
to keep hope in its chains:  
It'll say, "God is still the same"

Not once did He ever stop moving,  
Not once has He ever let go.  
Not once did He ever stop proving  
Our God is in control.

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When did His mercy change?  
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My God is still the same.

~Benji Cowart, et al., 2021

*Welcome to Christ the King! We are glad you are here.  
Please visit our welcome area, fill out a guest card, and visit our website.  
Rector: Rev'd Dr. David Glade  
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Anglican worship orients us to the story of salvation by the Book of Common Prayer's liturgy of word and sacrament. A helpful guide is in the foyer. Liturgy means "the work of the people," so we invite you to participate actively!

**OPENING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible***

**Hymn #355**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

People Almighty 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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Pastor Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.  
Matthew 22:37-40

Pastor Lord, have mercy upon us.  
People Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Pastor Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
People And with your spirit.  
Pastor Let us pray.

People 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 glory; 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.

**SONG OF PRAISE: *Indescribable***

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**THE LESSON**

**Deuteronomy 4:32-40**

<sup>32</sup> "For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. <sup>33</sup> Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? <sup>34</sup> Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup> To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. <sup>36</sup> Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. <sup>37</sup> And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, <sup>38</sup> driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, <sup>39</sup> know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. <sup>40</sup> Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time."

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM**

**Psalm 66:1-8**

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
*sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.*
- 2 Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; \*  
*through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.*
- 3 For all the world shall worship you, \*  
*sing to you, and praise your Name."*
- 4 O come and see the works of God, \*  
*how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.*
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; \*  
*therefore in him let us rejoice.*
- 6 He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
*let not the rebellious exalt themselves.*
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples, \*  
*and make the voice of his praise to be heard,*
- 8 Who holds our soul in life, \*  
*and does not allow our feet to slip.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**GOSPEL HYMN: *Worthy of Worship***

**Supp. Hymnal**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 14:15-21**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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

**SERMON**

**The Rev'd Dr. David Glade**

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Pastor* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN**

*Leader* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*People* *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**

*Pastor* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* *And with your spirit.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*There are cards in the pew racks for prayer requests and for guests to let us know of their presence.*

*Our communion table is not that of a particular church or denomination, but for all baptized followers of Jesus. Please come to the kneelers when directed by the ushers, and open your hands to receive. You may dip your wafer into the cup or drink from the cup. A GF wafer and a cup that is designated for dipping only is at the center. If you prefer not to receive, please come forward for a blessing.*

*The service music (Sanctus and Agnus Dei) changes seasonally.*

**THE OFFERTORY:** *My God is Still the Same* Josh Bronleewe et al, 2024  
Caleb Green, soloist

## **DOXOLOGY**

**Supp. Hymnal**

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And with your spirit.*

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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:

## **THE SANCTUS**

**Supp. Hymnal**

## **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

*The People sit to pray. The Pastor continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* *Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Pastor then says*

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

*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 FRACTION

*The Pastor breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## THE AGNUS DEI

**Supp. Hymnal**

## COMMUNION HYMN:

***Behold, the Lamb (Communion Hymn)  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks***

**Supp. Hymnal  
Hymn #470**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Pastor* Let us pray.  
*People* Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*The Pastor gives this or an alternate blessing.*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN: ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

**Hymn #362**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Prayer at the Rail is available immediately following the service.*

### ***Indescribable***

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Creations revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings,  
All exclaiming:

Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name.  
You are amazing, God!  
All powerful, untamable--  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim:  
You are amazing, God!

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?  
None can fathom.

Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name.  
You are amazing, God!  
Incomparable, unchangeable;  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same.  
You are amazing, God!

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### **SERMON NOTES**

#### **Deuteronomy 4:32-40**

- Law
  - Sinai: God spoke from the midst of the fire (v. 33, 36)
  - How do you measure yourself?
  
- Grace
  - Exodus: He rescued the people he loved (v. 34, 37)
  - How do you justify yourself?
  
- Response
  - Obedience: Lay it (his redeeming love) on your hearts, so that you keep his law (v. 39, 40)
  - What motivates you?

## TODAY AT CHRIST THE KING

<b>9:00a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> Nursery   D 2 & 3 year olds   E Pre-K4 - Kindergarten   C 1st & 2nd Grade   F	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> Nursery   D 2 & 3 year olds   E
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Education &amp; Formation</b> Adults   Sanctuary (Creeds & Councils) Welcome Brunch   Patio Nursery   D 2 & 3 year olds   E Kindergarten - 2nd Grade   C 3rd - 5th Grade   A Middle School   B High School   Peter's Office Chorister Rehearsal   F	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Ladies' Retreat Prayer</b>   Katherine's Office
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>No Youth Group</b>

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME BRUNCH:** April 28. 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. on the Patio. Join us if you are visiting or new to Christ the King for a chance to hear more about the church and community. Save the Dates for our Spring Membership Class (May 19, May 26, June 2), which prepares interested participants to join the church on June 9 when the Bishop visits.

**FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:** May 7. 5:30 - 7:40 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on the lawn for dinner! It's a great time of food, fellowship and fun!

**MEN'S CAMPING TRIP:** May 31 - June 1. Grassland Springs @ Linden, VA. Join the annual men's camping trip and enjoy good food, good fellowship and God's good creation. Sign up and more information in Realm (or there is a QR code on the bulletin across from Room A).

### SAVE THE DATE

*Visit [www.ctkalexandria.org](http://www.ctkalexandria.org) for more event information.*

- **WEDNESDAYS:** Holy Eucharist at noon & Evening Prayer from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- **LADIES' SPRING RETREAT:** May 3 - 5. Sign up in Realm.
- **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** May 5, 19, 26 & June 2.
- **PENTECOST POTLUCK:** May 15. 6:00 p.m.
- **ORGAN DEDICATION SERVICE & CONCERT:** May 19. 4:00 p.m.
- **SPRING MEMBERSHIP & FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES:** May 19 & 26, June 2.
- **BAPTISM:** June 2.
- **MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY:** June 9. Bishop visit, confirmation and reception of new members.
- **FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:** June 18. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** June 18 - 21. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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