



**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**Lighting the Christ Candle**

The Lord be With You.

*And also, with you*

**Psalm 22**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hymn TIS 152** Joyful, Joyful we adore you

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Announcements**

**Sharing**

**Offering**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 8:26-40

Elizabeth White

### Philip and the Ethiopian

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

<sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way, he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

<sup>28</sup> and on his way, home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.

<sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?”

So, he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”

<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” <sup>[37]</sup>

<sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

<sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading John 15:1-8

Stephen White

**15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

<sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also

remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn TIS 136** There’s a wideness in God’s Mercy

### **Message**

### **Communion**

**Prayers of the People** Emily Jacobsson

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. **Amen**

Ten ni masimasu warera no chichi yo  
Negawaku wa mina no toutomaren kotowo  
Mikuni no kitaran kotowo  
Mimune no ten ni okonawaruru gotoku

Chini mo okonawaren koto wo  
Warera no nichiyou no kate wo  
Kon'nichi warera ni atae tamae  
Warera ga hito wo yurusu gotoku  
Warera no tumi wo yurusi tamae  
Warera wo kokoromi ni hikitamawazare  
Warera wo akuyori sukui tamae  
**Amen.**

### 주님의 기도

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지,  
아버지의 이름이 거룩히 빛나시며  
아버지의 나라가 오시며  
아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이 땅에서도 이루어지소서.  
오늘 저희에게 일용할 양식을 주시고  
저희에게 잘못된 이를 저희가 용서하오니  
저희 죄를 용서하시고  
저희를 유혹에 빠지지 않게 하시고  
악에서 구하소서  
(주님께 나라와 권능과 영광이 영원히 있나이다.)  
아멘.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn TIS 431** Thanks to God, whose word was spoken!

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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