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Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

2ND MAY 2021 – EASTER 5

TODAY'S SERVICES:

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

at the Parish Church

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

*Mass: Communion Service in F, Harold
Darke*

Psalm: 22. 25-31

*Hymns: 103 vv.1&4; I the Lord; 420 (omit
v.2)*

Motet: Ave Verum, William Byrd

Preacher: The Dean

ACTS 8. 26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards 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,

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ have overcome death and
opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before
us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

JOHN 15. 1-8

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God,
you show us your way and give us your divine life: may everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

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TODAY'S READINGS

ACTS 8. 26-40

Philip is directed to the road from Jerusalem to Gaza, and there he meets an Ethiopian eunuch, who is reading the prophet Isaiah.

I JOHN 4. 7-21

The distinguishing characteristic of those born of God will be the love they have for one another. To love God alone is not enough: believers must also love their brothers and sisters.

JOHN 15. 1-8

Jesus describes himself to his disciples as the true vine, and urges them to remain in him as the branches remain in the vine. Just as the branches need to remain in the vine if they are to be fruitful, so the disciples need to remain – abide – in Jesus' love.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and observe social distancing regulations as we strive to keep everyone safe in church. When you have arrived in church please take your seat immediately and remain seated until the service begins as other people will be arriving and this will avoid congestion and unnecessary contact in the aisle. After the service please leave the building as directed by the stewards on duty. Please continue wear a face covering when coming to church. If you have a SmartPhone and have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 app

please check in using the QR Code. If you do this there is no need to fill in the Track and Trace form as well.

Service Booklets. Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet here. The booklets are quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

Prayers. Please continue to pray for the current situation with Covid 19 and for all those who suffer especially the anxious. Please pray too for the recovery and reconstruction of the Church both now and when this crisis is over. Pray for the renewal and growth of the Church in this place.

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Envelopes. Some Giving envelopes for 2021 for the Cathedral are still available and can be found on the tables at the back of the Cathedral. If you give by envelopes please pick yours up. Thank you! Please do consider giving on-line via Gift Direct. Please speak to one of the clergy or find details on the website.

THE WEEK AHEAD

4th Tuesday – Feria

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7.30pm Christianity Explored *on Zoom*

5th Wednesday – Asaph, Bishop

10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

6th Thursday – Feria

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

7th Friday – Feria

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the
Cathedral*

9th Sunday – Easter 6

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11am The Cathedral Eucharist

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