

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.

Psalm 22: 24-30

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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.

The Epistle: 1 John 4: 7-21

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 judgement, 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.

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks

Hymnal 178

The Holy Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Jesus said: ‘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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sally Heiligman

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form III

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The Confession of Sin

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The Peace

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: **Abide with me**

Hymnal 662

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

The Sanctus

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The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

*All baptized persons are welcome
to receive communion at God’s holy table.*

Communion: **Come my way, my truth, my life**

Hymnal 487

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional: Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

The Dismissal

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dot and Jim Bentley
by Barbara A. Mitchell*

Music with permission CCLI # 1152334

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. If attending in person, please give the usher your name, address, and phone number that we might welcome you with a note and contact you if the need arises. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* or *Our Daily Bread* from the bell tower window to use in your daily prayers.

To Keep in Your Prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray God's blessing and favor upon the Church in Kenya, and the Dioceses of Iowa and Kansas. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Diocesan Standing Committee; and for Church of Our Saviour, Lebanon Springs; St. Matthew's Church, Latham; and all hospital chaplains.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Adam, Lane, Curtis, Laura, and James, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for God's protection, keeping, and blessing for all students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff for this school year.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Richard, Dori, Apryl, Vicki, Joan, Marion, Kevin, Megan, Todd, Joyce, Stephen, Pam, and Holly; and for all those struggling physically, emotionally, and financially as a result of COVID-19.

We give thanks for Grace Tucker who celebrates a birthday this week.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry as they lead St. James': Barbara, Bonnie, Kit, Kitty, Jackie, Michele, and Mick.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

AA meets on Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

A Grief Share group meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact Deacon Barb for information.

Knit Wits meets on ZOOM each Tuesday at 4:30. Join us in online as we socialize and knit or crochet for social concerns. Contact Michele or Bonnie for the ZOOM link.

Wednesday Worship ... each Wednesday at 6:00 pm we meet on ZOOM with a bible study, Unveiling Mary Magdalene, followed by Compline. Please contact Dcn. Barb for details.

Shoeboxes: Now is the time to begin collecting items for our Shoebox ministry. Small toys, school supplies, toiletries. (No liquids or foods). Place your donation in the box under the welcome table or the one in Tuttle Hall.

Open dates for Altar Flowers: There is a list in the Parish Hall of open dates for altar flowers. Please sign up if you wish to donate flowers for any of those services.

Next week's Scripture lessons to read ahead and prepare your heart for worship: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.