



St. Augustine's
Episcopal Church

GOING FORWARD IN FAITH

April 29, 2018 Year B
Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00AM Eucharist with Music and Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Kwasi A. Thornell,
Celebrant & Preacher

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Gathering and Entrance

Call To Worship *"We Have Come Into His House"*

LEVAS II, #245

1

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him; x 2
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ, the Lord,
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

2

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him; x 2
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ, the Lord,
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

3

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him; x 2
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ, the Lord,
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Processional Hymn *"This Is the Day"* *LEVAS II, #219*

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it;
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in its
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

The Opening Sentence

The people standing

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

The Prayer of Intent and the Collect for Purity

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 Gloria (Sung)

LEVAS II, #243

Refrain

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

4 You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

5 You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

1 Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

6 For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord,

2 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

7 You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

3 Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, **(Refrain)**

Refrain. Amen.

The Collect

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.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on Saint Augustine's, and so guide the minds of the Vestry who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

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.

The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:24-30

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 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.

The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

LEVAS II, #62

1 In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding all mankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son
is surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

Congregation: 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to You, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Kwasi A. Thornell

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Form IV

BCP, 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those named now;

Ruth Barbour, Eleanor Barnes, Bill Begg, Olivia Brathwaite, JoAnn Campbell, Suzanne Cervantes, Dann Conley, Denise Conley, Marcella Conley, Renee Cousins-King, Joan Daniels, Joyce Eldridge, Bertha Elzy, Nellie Richardson-Gardere, Rodessa Gordon, Kenneth Hart, Anita Haynes, Dorothy Haynes, Katy Peters Howard, Faye Johnson, Gregory Jones, Carol Knight, Peter, Tupac, Trevon Leahy, Regina Lewis, Lois Logwood, LaVergne Malone, Lamar Marcelle, Hamisi Marshall, Cynthia Norvell, Nan Parsons, Kathy Pither, Clifford Reeves, Deborah Reeves, Tiffany Reeves, Amy Jo Richardson-Edgerly, Sandra Soderland, Elmer Troublefield, Alice Walker, Rev. Katherine Ward, Anita Wilkerson, Guy Williams, Rev. Monreille Williams.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

"Hear our Prayer, O Lord" (Choir)

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Minister and 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.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A**

The people remain standing.

People The Lord be with you.
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 God 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 . . .

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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (of the Lord)
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand, sit or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself . . .

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and 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 . . .

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

LEVAS II, #264

**Our Father, which 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem "Make Us One Lord"

**Make us one, Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit make us one, let your love flow
So the world will know, we are one in You**

Invitation

THE COMMUNION

Communion Music *"I Come With Joy"* (Duet)
"If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today" *LEVAS II, #176*

1 If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way,
Dear Lord, forgive!

2 If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Lest I offend some other through the strain,
Dear Lord, forgive!

3 If I have been perverse, or hard, or cold,
If I have longed for shelter in the fold,
When thou hast given me some fort to hold,
Dear Lord, forgive!

3 Forgive the sins I have confessed to thee;
Forgive the secret sins I do not see;
O guide me, love me, and my keeper be.
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
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 you 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.**

Hymn "Amen!"

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen (sing it over)

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen (one more time)

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

Announcements

Recessional Hymn *"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

3 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Refrain

The Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

<p>BIRTHDAYS</p>

<p>Jacqui Thornell, Joan Moreno, Merryl Dashiell</p>
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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

The insert in today's bulletin is an emergency contact form. In the event of injury or sickness while at church, the information provided by the form will tell us who to contact. Please complete and give to Father Thornell, Susan Ginsky, or Sandy DeShields.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH EDUCATION

Lessons and Activities each Sunday for young people aged 5-18. Ask an usher or a person sitting near you to bring you into Trinity Chapel to our schoolroom. We begin at 10:00 and end in time for the young people to join you for communion. Children under 5 welcome with an adult.

SUPPLY PRIEST UPDATE

Fr. Thornell with Vestry approval has agreed to serve as St. A's "Long Term Supply" priest until a new rector is called. He is certainly familiar with the parish and is/will be available for all pastoral duties as before during his previous tenure. We are glad to have him back! *:~ Jeri Robinson, Sr. Warden

ACTOR, DIRECTOR, HUMANITARIAN, DANNY GLOVER TO SPEAK

Award-winning actor, director, and producer Danny Glover will speak **Thursday, May 3, 7:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Christ of Light, 2121 Harrison St. in Oakland**, presented by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center and Peralta Community College District. Glover's lecture is part of series focused on "Resisting Oppression: Constructing Democracy."

RELIGIOUS FAITH AND SELF-CARE BELIEFS STUDY

Local author, UBE member and doctoral candidate Brenda Lane Richardson is seeking African American women, 40 and over, who are willing to let her interview them for a study on Religious Faith and Health. Your answers will remain confidential. After the initial telephone call, those who are a good fit for the study will be invited to join a six-hour Saturday group meeting, where a catered lunch will be served, and then later, for two one-hour check-in meetings, all of them right here at the church. Volunteers will be paid \$25 for participating in phone interviews, and \$100 for each group meeting, a total of \$350. If you're interested, please speak to her during coffee hour, or leave a message at 510 529-5823 or send her an email: blr256@nyu.edu. Once you are signed up, please respond to her emails to indicate your interest.

UPCOMING SERVICES /CHURCH EVENTS

- ◆ AA Meeting, Monday, April 30 @8:00pm
- ◆ AA Meeting, Thursday, May 3 @8:00pm
- ◆ Jazz Mass Service, Sunday, May 6, Service @10:00am
- ◆ Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, May 8 @6:30pm

◆ ECW Presents Writer, Marvin K. White, Sunday, June 3, following Service

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is underway, meeting on the Third Sunday of each month following the Fellowship Hour at 12:30pm. The Book Club meets next on **May 20** to discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Join us after church at 12 noon in Trinity. Call Susan at 710-8579 with questions.

FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT ITEM OF THE WEEK

NEXT WEEK please bring VIENNA SAUSAGES and MAC 'N CHEESE to support our food pantry ministry. Also, personal hygiene items are needed - toothpaste, tooth brushes and deodorant.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE AT HOLY COMMUNION

To help the servers know your intentions, please consider using the following signals as you come to the altar rail:

- Arms crossed in front of you - receive a prayer in blessing instead of the bread and wine
- Hands one atop the other, palms up - receive the bread, and then the wine from the chalice
- Hands clasped together - by intinction, the server will dip the bread in the wine and place it on your tongue

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Please signal an usher if you would prefer that the bread and wine be brought to you where you are seated.

SERVING TODAY AT 10:00AM

<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Dr. Kwasi A. Thornell
<i>Deacon:</i>	The Rev. Franklin M. Sterling
<i>Officiant:</i>	Linda Joseph
<i>Lectors:</i>	Frederic Knapp, Phyllis Culp
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Connie Cooper
<i>Music:</i>	Paris Song
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Alice Walker, Lynette Price, Judy Ireland
<i>Counters:</i>	Coyness Ennix, Mark Fisher



St. Augustine's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Clergy

Supply Priest: The Rev. Dr. Kwasi A. Thornell
Clergy Associates: The Rev. Franklin M. Sterling
Rev. Charles Ramsden

Vestry

Senior Warden – Jeri Robinson
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Asst. Treasurer – Joseph Dashiell

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St. Augustine's Office Hours: Tues. – Fri. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Augustine's Worship Service Hours: Sunday 10:00 am