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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

May 3, 2026 ..... 11:00 a.m.  
The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).*

*Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, after the Service Music (S) section.*

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Prelude on "The Call" (H#487) ..... Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN 182 ..... Christ is alive! Let Christians sing..... TRURO; v. 5 arr. Vann

*The liturgy continues on Page 355 of the Prayer Book.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO ..... William Mathias (1934-1992)



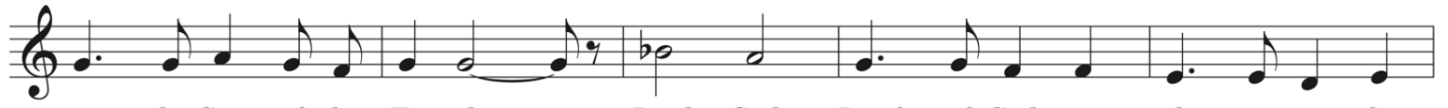
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

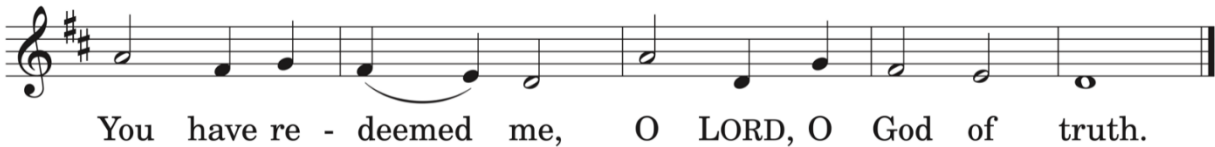
Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON ..... Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

## PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16..... Refrain: CHRISTE SANCTORUM; verses: Plainsong, tone V.iii

*The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.*



*The choir chants the verses, and all respond with the refrain as marked.*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength. **Refrain**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE..... 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

HYMN ..... When from bondage we are summoned..... BEACH SPRING



- 1. When from bond - age we are sum - moned out of dark - ness in - to light,
- 2. When our God names us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand
- 3. Through all sta - ges of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day,
- 4. We must not lose sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss,
- 5. See the prize our God has pro - mised: end - less life with Christ our Lord.



1. we must go in hope and pa - tience, walk by faith and not by sight.
2. through a lone - ly, bar - ren des - ert to a great and glo - rious land.
3. with com - pas - sion for our weak - ness ev' - ry step a - long the way.
4. who, for joy of love un - mea - sured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.
5. Now we fix our eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.

*Refrain*



Let us throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win!



Let us hast - en to our home - land and, re - joi - cing, en - ter in.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, Benjamin Franklin White (1800-1879)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** ..... John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."


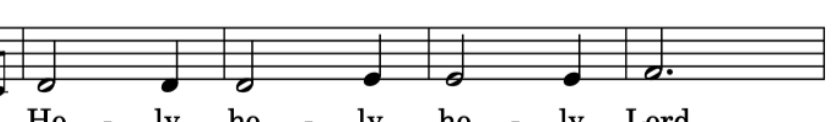






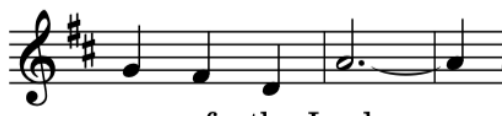

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte  
 THE NICENE CREED..... Prayer Book, p. 358  
 THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV..... Prayer Book, p. 388  
 CONFESSION OF SIN ..... Prayer Book, p. 360  
 THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 518 ..... Christ is made the sure foundation ..... WESTMINSTER ABBEY;  
 v. 4 arr. Robinson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A..... Prayer Book, p. 361

SANCTUS.....Craig Phillips (b. 1961), *Festival Eucharist*

| Organ   | Congregation   |
|---|--|
|    | <br>Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  |
|   | <br>God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are   |
|  | <br>full of your glo - ry. * Ho - san - na in the<br><i>Ho - san - na en el</i>                |
|  | <br>high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the<br><i>cie - lo.</i>                        |
|  | <br>name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.<br><i>Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.</i> |

\* The "Hosanna" may be sung in English or Spanish

FRACTION ANTHEM..... Gary James (b. 1957)

The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The choir sings the verses:

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM..... This joyful Eastertide..... Dutch carol, arr. Hoyle

The anthem text may be found at Hymn #192.

HYMN 484 .....Praise the Lord through every nation ..... WACHET AUF

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ..... Prayer Book, p. 366

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 525 ..... The Church's one foundation..... AURELIA; v. 5 arr. Lucas

ORGAN POSTLUDE..... Grand choeur in G..... Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

This week we remember Marie Rountree Battlestein, Elizabeth Zodiag Friedenber, Charles Ray Long, Noel Jenson Mason, The Rev. Robert Spearman Park, M. Helen Marbury Raymond, and Thomas E. Trigg, buried from Holy Cross.

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Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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| <b>Sunday</b> .....          | Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.<br>Rector's forum, 9:45 a.m. (Undercroft)<br>Continuing Feast, Noon (Undercroft) |
| <b>Tuesday</b> .....         | Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)<br>Card-writing ministry, 10:30 a.m. (Library)  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> .....       | Reading group, 10:00 a.m. (Library)<br>Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire)   |
| <b>Thursday</b> .....        | Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)  |
| <b>Monday-Saturday</b> ..... | Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)  |

The **final half-hour organ recital** in this year's series will be on **Sunday, June 7, at 1:30 p.m.**

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