



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025
10:30 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*
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Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service, and nursery care is provided. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Interlude

Alan Viner

Choir Introit

Christ Arose

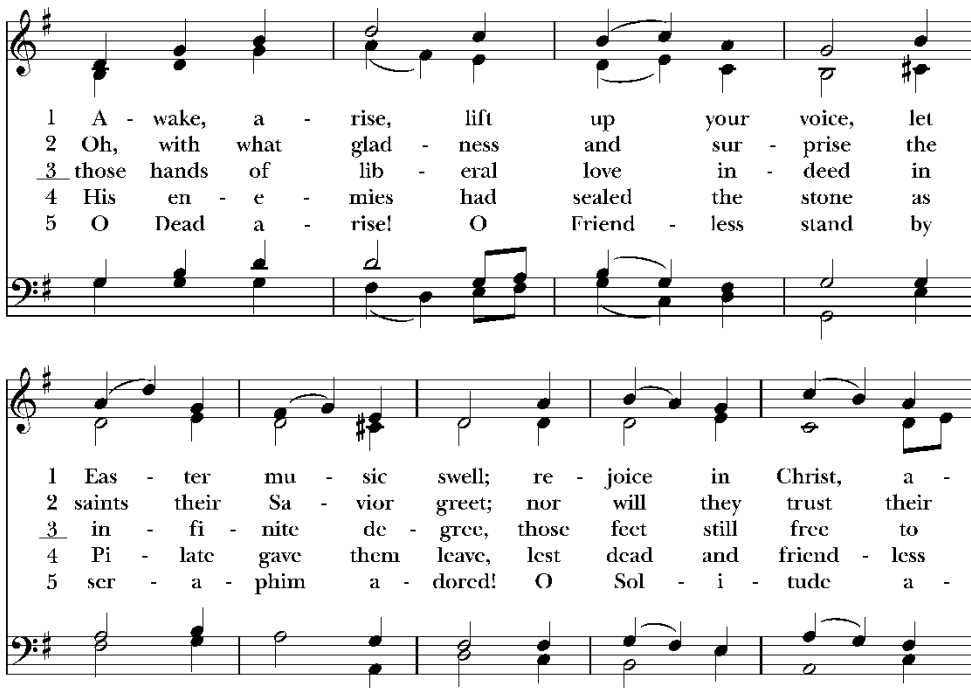
Robert Lowry

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.
Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

The Hymnal 1982, #212

Awake, arise

Richmond



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

Acclamation

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en!

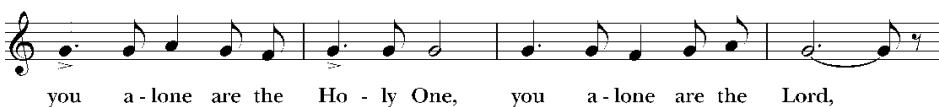
People

Christ is ris - en in - deed! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gloria (Hymnal S278)

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



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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.*

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 148

Hymnal S-415

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise God in the heights.
- 2 Praise the Lord all you angels; *
sing praises, all you heavenly host.
- 3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; *
sing praises, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, *
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
who gave the command and they were created,
- 6 who made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- 9 mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

- 10 wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 young men and young women, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendour is over earth and heaven.
- 14 The Lord has raised up strength for this people
and praise for all loyal servants, *
the children of Israel,
a people who are near to the Lord.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Hymnal 1982, #487

Come, my Way

The Call



1 Come,	my	Way,	my	Truth,	my	Life:	such	a
2 Come,	my	Light,	my	Feast,	my	Strength:	such	a
3 Come,	my	Joy,	my	Love,	my	Heart:	such	a



way	as	gives	us	breath;	such	a	truth	as	ends	all
light	as	shows	a	feast;	such	a	feast	as	mends	in
joy	as	none	can	move;	such	a	love	as	none	can



strife;	such	a	life	as	kill	-	eth	death.
length;	such	a	strength	as	makes	_____	his	guest.
part;	such	a	heart	as	joys	_____	in	love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

The Celtic Alleluia



At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



The Sermon

The Venerable Harry Leip

A period of silent reflection is observed.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 for Easter *adapted from Common Worship*

Celebrant Let us pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Intercessor Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel
to the nations...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, and nourish us all with your word...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way.
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for Etta, Barbi, Sam, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Nan, Gloria, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Denver, Gwen, Charlene, and Bruce.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life. We pray especially for...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Choir Anthem

O Sing Unto the Lord James C. Ward and Heather Sorenson

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
sing unto the Lord, all the earth!
O sing unto the Lord our God!
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all people,
proclaim His salvation day by day.
The Lord is great and greatly to be praised.
He is above all other gods.

Psalm 96:1-4

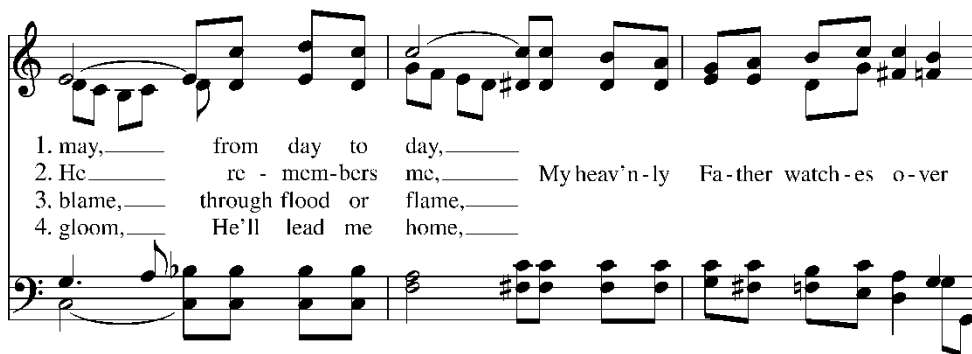
Lift Every Voice, #59

My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me

The musical score is written for a choir in 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has four lines of lyrics, and the second system has four lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

1. I trust in God wher - ev - er I may be, Up - on the
2. He makes the rose an ob - ject of His care, He guides the
3. I trust in God, for, in the li - on's den, On bat - tle -
4. The val - ley may be dark, the sha - dows deep, But oh, the

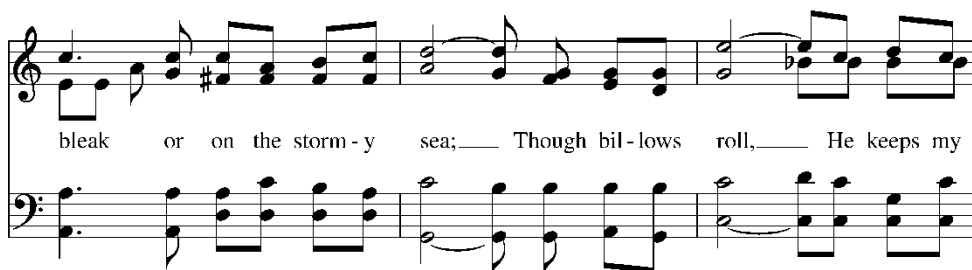
1. land or on the roll - ing sea; For come what
2. ea - gle through the path - less air; And sure - ly
3. field, or in the pris - on pen; Through praise or
4. shep - herd guards His lone - ly sheep; And through the



1. may, _____ from day to day, _____
 2. He _____ re - mem - bers me, _____ My heav'n - ly Fa - ther watch - es o - ver
 3. blame, _____ through flood or flame, _____
 4. gloom, _____ He'll lead me home, _____



me. _____ I trust in God, _____ I know He cares for me, On moun - tain



bleak or on the storm - y sea; _____ Though bil - lows roll, _____ He keeps my



soul, _____ My heav'n - ly Fa - ther watch - es o - ver me. _____

Words: W. C. Martin, Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932); arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-1988) and Verolga Nix (b. 1933).

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D *Expansive and Inclusive Language*

Celebrant *People*

May God be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus WLP #858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Bless - ed is — the One who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -



After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

The Presider continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal S119)



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.


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The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

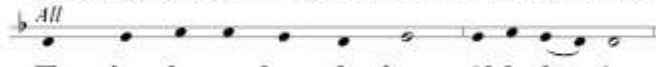
A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung

Presider



Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us:

All



There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia,

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)
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As the elements are prepared, the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S-167

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon

Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

Invitation to Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself, so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love, all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Following the direction of the ushers, come forward to the communion rail, where you may kneel or stand. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

To receive the bread, your right palm on top of your left palm. *Gluten-free wafers are available.* Please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. To receive the wine, please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not receive wine, you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread.

Due to our Diocesan health policy, we ask you not to dip your communion bread into the chalice (*i.e.*, intinction). If you are not comfortable drinking directly from the chalice, you are welcome to receive just the bread; or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you.

If you are unable to come to the altar rail, notify an usher, and we will bring communion to you.

The Hymnal 1982, #533

How wondrous and great

Lyons

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

The Hymnal 1982, #529

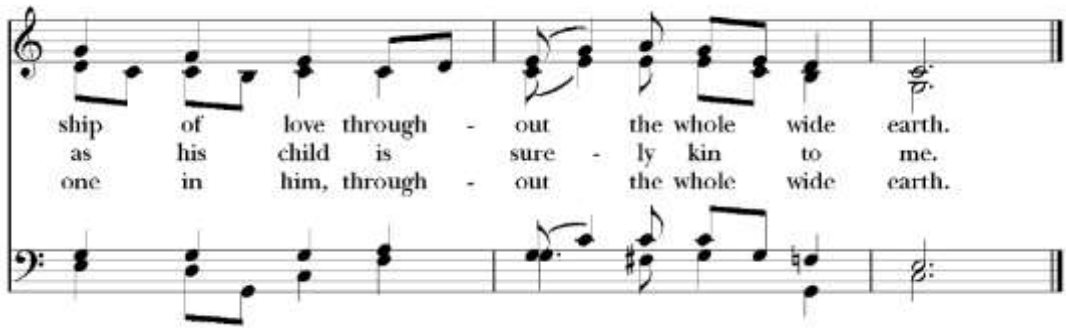
In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may and North, bel Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are



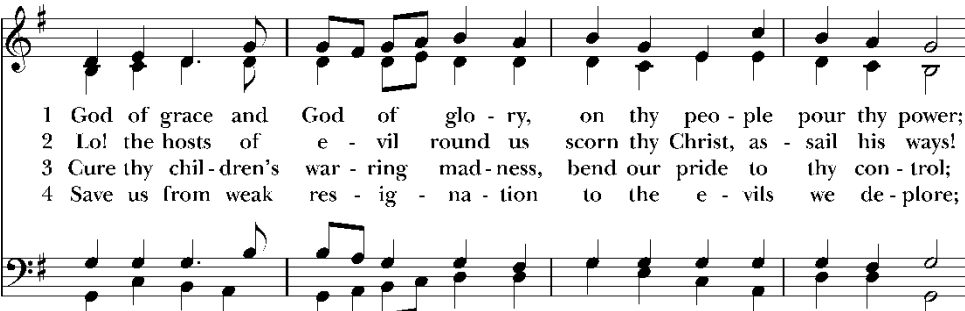
Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

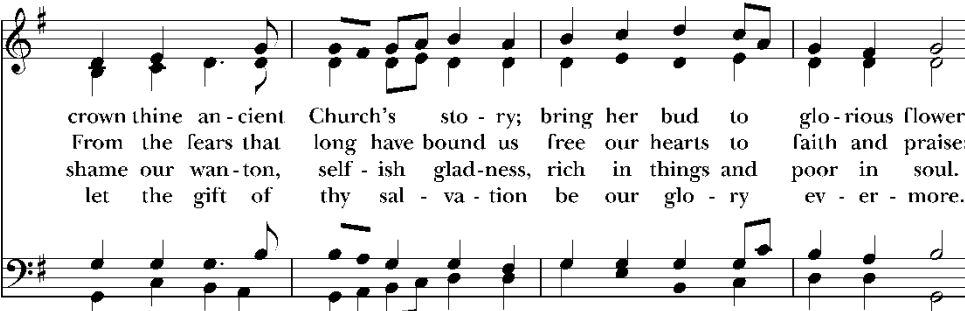
*Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, O God, 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 whom, with you, and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

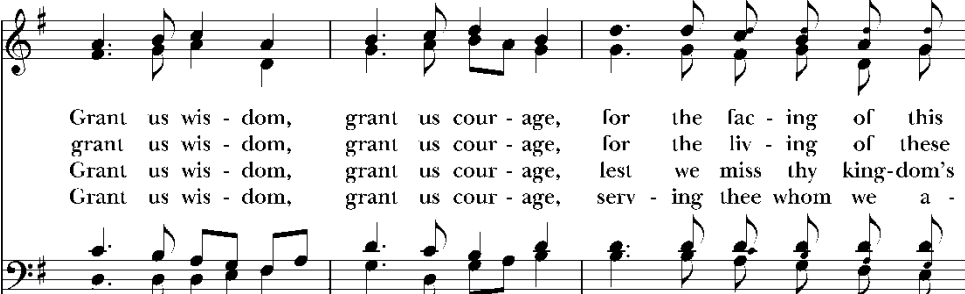
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Recessional

Franciszek Walczyński

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Notes on the service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

- The Rev. Stephen Weissman

The collect, composed for the 1549 Prayer Book, calls Christ the way, the truth, and the life, as Jesus will describe himself eight verses after today's Gospel passage. **The Way's extension to all humanity** is a theme of the readings.

After Peter had revived Dorcas of Joppa, as reported last Sunday, he had a vision of being commanded to eat foods which were not kosher. Meanwhile in nearby Caesarea, a Roman centurion, Cornelius, had also had a vision. Cornelius was commanded to send to Joppa for a man called Peter. When the two met in the centurion's house, Peter grasped that God intended him to preach to this God-fearing Gentile's household. When he did, the Holy Spirit entered them in an event which turned into a "Gentile Pentecost." Cornelius and his household were forthwith baptized, the first non-Jews recorded to have joined the Christian movement. A centurion was a member of the Roman establishment, not one of the oppressed.

Departures from approved Jewish practice, such as entering a Gentile's house and eating non-kosher foods, neither of which Jesus was ever reported having done, caused repercussions. Today's first reading is Acts' account of Peter's defense of his actions before the conservative Jewish Christian leaders in Jerusalem. Their concurrence to Peter's actions and to Paul's evangelization of Gentiles, an instance of which will be read next Sunday, would legitimate the Way's eventual transformation into a universal religion.

"Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world ... praise the Name of the LORD...." exhorts Ps. 148:11. Cornelius the centurion might be counted as a ruler among the peoples, *i.e.*, Gentiles, who praise God with "the children of Israel, a people who are near him," v 14. In the new heaven and earth Gentiles and Jews alike engage in that praise.

After death and hell have been cast into the lake of fire, in the penultimate scene of Revelation, John sees the holy city Jerusalem coming. There, all suffering is done away, and all thirst is slaked by the Alpha and Omega.

Today's Gospel is excerpted from a soliloquy by Jesus at the Last Supper. When Judas has left, Jesus declares that now he is about to be glorified. Jesus' "glorification," as John's Gospel understands it, *is* his suffering. Where Jesus is about to go, he says, his

disciples cannot yet follow. In the context of the Last Supper, Jesus means that they cannot follow him to crucifixion at that time. However, used devotionally, as today, “not yet follow” means the disciples must remain behind when the risen Jesus ascends. Christ’s glory will remain behind for all in the disciples’ love.

Commemorated on May 20 will be Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours, who served as Charlemagne’s advisor and administrator. He died in 804.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I – Spoken Eucharist

10:30 AM Rite II with music

Weekday Service Schedule

7:00 AM on Thursdays

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM, Wednesday & Thursday 8 AM-4 PM,

Friday 8 AM-Noon

Trinity Food Ministry Schedule		
<i>Food Pantry & takeout hot meal</i>	<i>Cafe - drop in for a meal & conversation</i>	<i>Sunday Hot Lunch</i>
Tues: 1:30pm - 3pm Thurs: 4pm - 5pm	Wed: Noon - 2pm	Sunday: 2pm - 2:30pm

Served in April

Pantry 307 Households, 735 individuals served

Pantry Hot Meals (Tuesday & Thursday) meals 360

Wednesday Cafe 125 meals

Sunday Hot Lunch 360



From Father Paul

Dear Ones,

I am looking forward to being back with you this weekend. Many thanks to Fr. Steve Weissman for making a Sunday off possible, for Fr. Kevin McGrane for making the trip up to St. Louis this past Sunday as part of our Companion Parish swap day and, of course, to The Venerable Harry Leip for keeping the wheels on the bus!

I had a lovely weekend off (although it's always a little strange), and a splendid time this past week in St. James with the people of Trinity. It's a very different setting, but they are a community that is equally as joyful and vibrant as we are here. I look forward to our communities getting to know each other better.

In last Sunday's gospel lesson, we hear Jesus say, "my sheep know my voice." In these days, there are many voices competing for our attention. Some find their origin in the Good Shepherd; others are echoes of the imposter. In light of this, I want to lift up the voice of the Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Sean T. Rowe. You may have seen in the news this week the announcement that The Episcopal Church will be ending our refugee resettlement grant agreements with the U.S. federal government. There's a link to Bp. Rowe's full letter below, but here is a pertinent paragraph.

"It has been painful to watch one group of refugees, selected in a highly unusual manner [i.e., white Afrikaners from South Africa whom the U.S. government has classified as refugees], receive preferential treatment over many others who have been waiting in refugee camps or dangerous conditions for years. I am saddened and ashamed that many of the refugees who are being denied entrance to the United States are brave people who worked alongside our military in Iraq and Afghanistan and now face danger at home because of their service to our country. I also grieve that victims

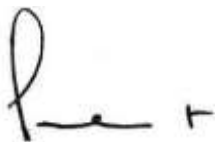
of religious persecution, including Christians, have not been granted refuge in recent months.”

The full text of the letter: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/letter-from-presiding-bishop-sean-rowe-on-episcopal-migration-ministries/>

God be praised for this clear display of the voice of the Good Shepherd. This very public challenge to the spirit of the world gives me hope! But, what if you're not the Presiding Bishop? Or an organizer of protesters? Here is a link that explains the work of the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, and how you can play a role in making the voice of liberal Christianity clearer: Your Voice Matters!

Keep on feasting!

Easter blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'He +', written on a white background.

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed

On Sunday, May 25, Trinity will prepare and serve a hot lunch for our neighbors. If you can assist from 1 - 3pm, please sign-up on the white board in Trinity's entryway. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Harry (<mailto:harry@trinitycwe.org>) .

Archdeacon Harry's Sabbatical

Update: I want to thank everyone who shared a kind word about my sabbatical. Since several persons asked, Ed & I will be tending the Mission Point Lighthouse just outside of Traverse City, MI for a week: <https://www.missionpointlighthouse.com/>



Gun Violence Prevention

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

What can I do?

1

write a letter

Write a letter to the editor of your local paper promoting sensible gun legislation.

2

contact your rep

Contact your representatives (local and federal) and ask them to make sensible gun laws a priority. Be sure to support candidates that support sensible gun laws.

3

prioritize safety

Prioritize safety at home. Visit besmartforkids.org to learn more and schedule a BeSMART presentation for your church or group through gunsafety@diocesemo.org.

4

pray

Pray for the hundreds of people killed by gun every month in this country, for their loved ones, for the children traumatized by living with this level of violence, and for a collective change of heart.

5

learn

Learn more about this issue at: Everytown.org, GunViolenceArchive.org, BradyUnited.org, or many more.

WEAR  ORANGE

Bishop Deon Johnson invites churches throughout the Diocese of Missouri to observe "Wear Orange Sunday" on Sunday, June 1st, 2025, to remember the more than 43,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 76,000 who are shot and wounded every year. Wear Orange Weekend is observed June 6-8th, 2025 around the country. Because Pentecost falls that weekend, the Diocese of Missouri will be observing WEAR ORANGE SUNDAY one week early - June 1st. On this day, we are called to honor gun violence survivors, remember gun violence victims, and call for meaningful action to save lives. On June 1st we are asking our members to Wear Orange to church in solidarity with this important nationwide movement. For more information go to wearorange.org.



TRINITY SUNDAY - JUNE 15TH WELCOMING AND INCORPORATING NEWCOMERS

June 15th is Trinity Sunday, our parish's feast day, and this year we will be recognizing people who have come to our community during the past three year, the interim period between Fr. Jon Stratton's leaving and Fr. Paul Jacobson's beginning his ministry with us.

We plan to do something formally incorporating you into our congregation, acknowledging that this is your place and we are your people. This church is home to all of us!

We don't have a record of when folks first start coming to Trinity, so we hope you'll alert us if you are "new" within the last three years. Please let me know that you'd like to make it official in this way - and plan to be at church Sunday June 15th.. Let us celebrate you!

Thanks, Adrienne Fly, Senior Warden,

Text/Call 314-805-8254 or email AdrienneAFly@gmail.com

Sojourners Voice of the day

"Tyranny and hate and despair never win, not for long and not forever and certainly not now, so I pray that you would be blessed with a stubborn hope that keeps believing and keeps enduring."

- Sarah Bessey, "12 Christian Women Shaping the Church in 2025"
(<https://act.sojo.net/s/3584497/RZSPBrel>)



TRINITY
FOOD MINISTRY
SAINT LOUIS

I spent too long this morning reading online news accounts of our current state of the Union. Sadly, it all was full of tyranny, hate, and despair. When I checked email, my daily Sojourner quote felt like a blessing reminding me that we are called to be in this world yet not to be part of it. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to turn from greed and prejudice and fully embrace the Way of Love.

However, difficult times may be for our psyches or our pocketbooks, times for the people we have served over the past decades are not that much different. Poverty is poverty and no political party has a solution (or concern) for those the scriptures labels "the least of these." That is why TFM is here. It is why we do what we do. Our goal is not only to help provide food for those who need the help, but to broaden the scope of God's Love.

Those who are poor will always be with us. Jesus said so. As more and more fall into that poverty category and our times seem more dire, let us not forget Jesus' words. You feed them. Give food to those who are hungry, drink to those who thirst. Love God; love one another. There is no half way of following Jesus. Be steadfast in that "stubborn hope."

It does take a certain amount of "stubborn hope that keeps believing and keeps enduring." Just as the people who come to TFM for help, solace, and Love continue to endure, let us fully take on the task of changing the world as it now exists, one stubborn hope at a time.

Love always; always Love
/Barbi

Needs at Pantry this Week

Vienna sausages
Ravioli with meat
Cooking needs: oil, flour, sugar, spices
Chicken Noodle soup



Food Ministry Amazon Wishlist

Scan or click on the QR code to go to the Food Ministry's Amazon Wishlist.



Pride Night with the St. Louis Cardinals - Friday, June 6 at 7:15 PM

Join members of the LGBTQIA+ and Allies fellowship group as we celebrate Pride Month at Pride Night with the St. Louis Cardinals. All are welcome!

(<https://www.mlb.com/cardinals/tickets/specials/theme-tickets/pride>).

\$20-\$45 (TBD - depending on the group rate and if you want the Pride Night jersey)

Contact Michelle Hampton for more information at mhampton517@gmail.com
(<mailto:mhampton517@gmail.com>)

This Week's Core Value: Anglo-Catholic Worship

We believe that devotion to the Real Presence on the Altar leads us to devotion to the Real Presence in our neighbor. We gather for a multi-sensory experience, rooted in consistency and ancient rhythms that anchor our wandering bodies and souls.



May 18: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1947) in Sikeston and Edie, their Priest.

* In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Timothy (Misión San Timoteo) in

Bayamón .

* In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Etta Taylor, mourning the death of her daughter Kate, who died on 9/15/24 in Louisville.

Barbi Click

Sam Kincade

Helen Hendry

Glenda Wiman

Thomas Kirk

Nan Sweet

Gloria Winston

Dolores Friesen

John Biggs

Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Joan Dunbar
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way
Ray Becvar
Denver Wright
Gwen Sims
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Taylor Kaiser, Deacon Harry's family, mental health challenges
Michael, the son of Jeff and Mark's neighbors.
Denise Huber
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.
Lou Adams, Al Adams' brother, degenerative disk disease, colon cancer.
Amanda, Deacon Barbi's daughter
Bruce Deal and Harry Forbes, New York friends of Michael Shepley
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien
for comfort and healing
Hope, health challenges.
Romerico Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.

Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law
Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness
Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.
Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: The Rev. Helen Ludbrook, the Rev. David K. Fly, and the Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays May 18-24: Dave Mundy, Langdon Thacher.

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Readings for Sunday, May 25

6th Sunday of Easter

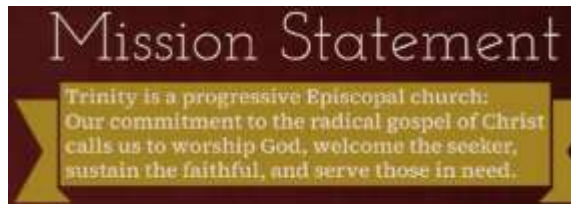
Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

or John 5:1-9

Psalms 67



Vestry

Senior Warden: Adrienne Fly

2026

Fritzi Baker
Skip Coburn
Dave Hilditch

2027

Adrienne Fly
Ben Kiel
Mary Patton
Perry Trolard

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2028

Carlos Daughaday