



Fifth Sunday of Easter



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
May 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Reverend Matthew McDermott
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs
Preacher: The Reverend Doctor Penny Nixon

WELCOME!

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Intercessions	Chris Dauer
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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *Engelberg*



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more._____ Em-braced by
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death._____ Re - born we
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life._____ The Spi - rit's
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows_____ as Christ's new

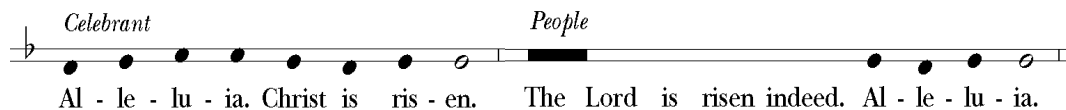


death he broke its fear - ful hold;_____ and our de - spair he turned to
share with him an Eas - ter life_____ as liv - ing mem - bers of a
pow - er shakes the Church of God._____ Bap - tized we live with God the
bo - dy takes on flesh and blood._____ The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy._____ Al - le - lu - ia!
liv - ing Christ._____ Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One._____ Al - le - lu - ia!
whole will sing;_____ Al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION



Celebrant 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.**

Leader Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Leader Blessed are the poor in spirit,
People **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader Blessed are those who mourn,
People **for they shall be comforted.**

Leader Blessed are the meek,
People **for they shall inherit the earth.**

Leader Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
People **for they shall be satisfied.**

Leader Blessed are the merciful,
People **for they shall obtain mercy.**

Leader Blessed are the pure in heart,
People **for they shall see God.**

Leader Blessed are the peacemakers,
People **for they shall be called children of God.**

Leader Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
People **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Celebrant Grant us, O God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that the blessings your Son proclaimed in his teachings, may be known, by his resurrection, in your church and throughout the world. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *A Song of Praise*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our for - bearers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er._____

3. Glo - ry to you_____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple;_____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you._____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim;_____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er._____

5. Glo - ry to you,_____ be - hold - ing the

depths;_____ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

you._____ 6. Glo - ry to you,_____ Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit;_____ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er._____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
 Officiant 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Acts 11:1-18*

Reader A reading from Acts.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148 (*Read in alternation*)

Leader Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights.

People

**Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

THE EPISTLE *Revelation 21:1-6*

Reader

A reading from Revelation.

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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 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 be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

THE GOSPEL *John 13:31-35*

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

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

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."

Leader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON *The Reverend Doctor Penny Nixon*

Please stand as you are able and say together:

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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book pp. 413-414)*

Leader Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church and for the world.
Enliven the Church for its mission

People **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Reader Breathe fresh life into your people.

People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Reader Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace

People **that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Reader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Reader Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

People **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Reader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Reader Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit including *Carlos Villatoro, Maggie and Tony, Ellie Gardner, Betsy Alexander, Mary McCann, Mark McNulty, Collins Anderson, Bruce McCombs, Caroline Huntley, Marina Bermudez, David Riggs, Tyler Britton, Dede Jamison, George Mallinckrodt, Peggy Dubes* and those we now name silently or aloud [pause]. Restore them to new life.

People **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Reader Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Reader We remember with thanksgiving those who have died, among them *Joan Klappert, Charles Park, Frederick Helvesen, John Jessup, Anne Cooper, Sarah Frances Morgan, George Hexter*, and those we now name either silently or aloud [pause]. May they have eternal life.

People **Into your hands we commend them.**

Reader Give comfort to those who mourn.

People **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Celebrant Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth on our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Kathy Kennedy, John Mashey, Andy Hill*

Anniversaries: *Tricia & Gavin Christensen, Mark & Maria Geenen*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

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Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

SANCTUS S125 from *A Community Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your

Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

THE COMMUNION

All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive:

- *the consecrated bread, or*
- *both the bread and the wine, or*
- *a blessing.*

To receive the bread, hold out your crossed hands and the clergy will place it in your palm while saying the words of administration: “The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.”

To receive the wine simply help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your mouth. **Please do not receive by intinction**, that is, dipping the bread in the wine. (Some congregants choose not to drink from the cup and simply touch the base of the chalice, as an act of reverence, while the chalice bearer says the words of administration: “The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.”)

If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.

All are invited to respond to these reverent options by saying “Amen”, translations of which include “It is true!” or “May it be so!”.

COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lord’s Prayer

Mark Miller

Our God, in heaven, holy is your name,
your reign come, your will done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.
In the time of trial lead us into light,
for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us**

now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING *Please respond with enthusiastic "Amen"s!*

Celebrant May God, who has redeemed us and made us new creations in the name of the risen Christ, bestow upon you the riches of all God's blessings. **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, inspire you to fulfill your promise as a disciple of compassion and justice. **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be upon you this moment and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! Please join us in the parish hall for coffee after the service.

CLOSING HYMN 213 Come away to the skies

Middlebury

Unison or harmony

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
 2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
 3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
 4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
 *5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day,
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain
 4 joined us to Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart,
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.____
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.____
 3 that our lives may re - main, through-out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.____
 4 let us nev - er-more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.____
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.____

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Alleluias*

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

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