
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 7, 2023
8:00am and
10:30am and Livestreamed on Facebook



We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. For ease of use, this bulletin contains most portions of the liturgy. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal, and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.*

***The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love,
and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.***

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Hymn to Honor Saints Cyril & Methodius
Susan Clearman, organ

Peter Tshaikovsky

Processional Hymn

Westminster Abbey
Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal #518

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant and People say together

Collect for Purity

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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 (8am only)

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Gloria

Hymnal #S280

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 7:55-60

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

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

- 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.
- 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."

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

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

Sequence Hymn

The Call
Come my way

Hymnal #487

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples, "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.”

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth H. Hendrick

All stand

Nicene Creed

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*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

Celebrant

During this Eastertide, in the power of the resurrection, let us give thanks to the Lord, saying:
Alleluia, He is Risen!

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In this blessed season of hope, let us offer our thanks to God for all our blessings, either silently or aloud.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For the altar flowers and for the creative and faithful ministry of the Flower Guild, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For all nations and peoples of the earth, and for all in high places of authority, especially Joseph, our president, and Brian, our governor, Nicole, our county chair, and Craig, mayor of the City of Norcross, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For the holy church, especially Michael and Rob, our bishops, and Liz and Mimi, our clergy, our staff, forum chairs, and all our faithful volunteers, whose lives are hid with Christ in God, that in all its diversity, witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, especially for Busy, Michele, Mike, Jack, Sara Jean, Heather, John, Mary Ann, Mellie, Debanhi, Dick, Nancy, Holly, Judy, Laura, Graham, Lance, Barbara, and Val, and for those we name now either silently or aloud, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

The people may add their own petitions.

For all who have died; for those we remember now either silently or aloud; that in Christ who triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

The people may add their own petitions.

For those who reach out in the name of Christ to others, especially the parish of St. Joseph of Arimathea in Haiti, and their rector, Père Markendy, the Neighborhood Co-Op, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, for our Search Committee and for our Vestry, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like all the disciples, may believe the empty tomb, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

For members of our parish that we pray for this day:

Mike & Jenny Wood;

Brian, Debbie, & McKenzie Wortman;

John, Leigh, Daniel, & Catherine Wright; and

Stephen & Natalya Wright;

and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff and Daniel, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia, He is risen!

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. *Amen.*

All stand.

Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy Recipient for May is the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.

Please ask the priest for them when you are at the altar rail.

Offertory Anthem

Risen today, Alleluia
St. Cecilia Handbell Choir

arr. Arnold Sherman

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn

Wachet Auf
Praise the Lord

Hymnal #484

The people remain standing.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

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.*

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

But chiefly are we 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 *(8am only)*

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Sanctus

Hymnal #S125

The people remain standing

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 [_____ and] 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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal #S154

The Celebrant says

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 Anthem

Elation
St. Cecilia Handbell choir

Raymond Herbek

Communion Hymn

Decatur Place
We the Lord's people

Hymnal #51

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

*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.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

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.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

Aurelia
The church's one foundation

Hymnal #525

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

La Choquante
Susan Clearman, organ

Joseph Bodin de Boismortier

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Those who tithe tend to bring the whole of their economic lives under greater discipline.

Stewardship Quote



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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Busy Belden, Michele Berrell, Mike Breedlove, Jack Brocksmith, Sara Jean Davies,
Heather Emery, John Emery, Mary Ann Fair, Mellie Fitten, Debanhi Hernandez,
Dick Kohlhausen, Nancy Maxwell, Holly Moore, Judy Moore, Laura Nurse,
Graham Perrins, Lance Wenger, Barbara Wessel, and Val Wilson.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings and Daniel O'Keefe.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Jane & John Atkinson, Pam Barnett, Elaine Black, Sharon Blalock & Family,
Catherine Brack, Irene Brown, Brad Burns, Sophia Crawford, Bill & Debbie Crenshaw,
Will Drummond, Fran Dunning-Webb, Mary Guerra, Robin Hippel, Martha Gilbert Holmes,
Betty Ann Hudgins, David Hyers, Lynn Catherine Jester, Eileen Kelly, Val McCall,
Kathleen McCarron, Juanita McClusky, Bill McMillan, Martin McRoberts, James Marshall,
John Mocharski, Judy Strickland Myers, Anne & Marty Nordland, Anita Oliver,
Bonnie Pitman, Gary & Cindy Russell, Tom Shaw, Andrew Thompson,
Pete Van Zant, Lindsey Wengenroth, Noah Withrow, and Catherine Wright.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read This Week At Christ Church or watch TWACCation on Facebook for announcements.

PARISH PROFILE AND APPLICATION NOW ON WEBSITE

The Search Committee is pleased to announce that the Parish Profile has been approved by the Diocese and has now been posted to the national sites for priests seeking a new position, and on our website under “Rector Search.”

ADULT EDUCATION: EASTERTIDE; ACTS: CATCHING UP WITH THE SPIRIT BEGAN APRIL 23, 2023, AT 9:15AM

Each week will include a short video and discussion taking the class through ‘the Acts of the Apostles, the experiences of the early church and its original mission. See the TWACC for a brief description by the book’s author.

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, 10AM UNTIL 12PM

Join us in the Nave on Saturday, May 6th, from 10am until 12pm to find out why we do what we do every Sunday, and to ask all the questions you have not had the chance to ask.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am & 10:30am May 7, 2023

Celebrant/Preacher..... The Rev. Canon Elizabeth H. Hendrick
Acolytes Kristie Bernard, Nathan Geozos, Brian Maruscsak, Caden Neese
Altar Guild..... Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis
AV Team..... John Haeger, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers..... Kathy Smith; Lori Landis, Angela Becker
Greeters/Ushers Elliott Brack; Diane Cunningham
Lectors Kathy Smith; McKenzie Wortman
Organist Susan Clearman
Vestry of the Day Robert Richardson; Sue Friedrichs; TBD

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am & 10:30am May 14, 2023

Celebrant/Preacher..... The Rev. Canon Elizabeth H. Hendrick
Acolytes TBD, TBD, TBD, TBD
Altar Guild..... Amy Ross, Joyce Proctor
AV Team..... John Haeger, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers..... John Haeger; Jeff Wynia, Greta Loeber
Greeters/Ushers Jenny Ham; Stephanie Usher
Lectors John Haeger; Nathan Geozos
Vestry of the Day Wes Quesenberry; Sue Lawton; Afiong Ekong

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am & 10:30am May 21, 2023, Senior Sunday

Celebrant The Rev. Canon Elizabeth H. Hendrick
Preacher Karen Bass
Acolytes TBD, TBD, TBD, TBD
Altar Guild Cathy Canfield, Rita Boughrum
AV Team John Haeger, Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers Channing Haskell; Brian Maruscsak, Ann Post
Greeters/Ushers Robert Richardson; Ken & Rita Boughrum
Lectors Channing Haskell; Betsy Pickren
Vestry of the Day Robert Richardson; TBD; TBD

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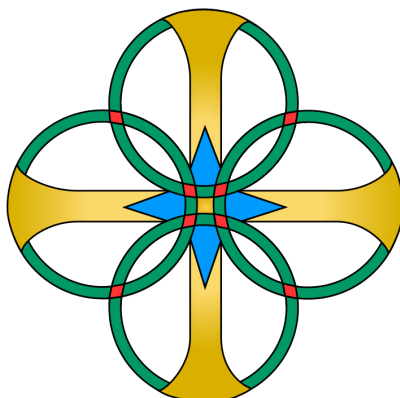
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