

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 18, 2025  
8:00am and  
10:30am and Livestreamed on Facebook



*We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary.*

*We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal and Lift Every Voice and Sing 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.*

*Please silence all cell phones and other digital devices and we ask that you refrain from "texting" during the service.*

*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

*Be still my soul*

arr. Cindy Berry

### Processional Hymn

*Truro*

Hymnal #182

Christ is alive, let Christians sing

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant and People say together*

### Collect for Purity

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Gloria

Hymnal #S-280

*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 11:1-18**

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

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**    *Laudate Dominum*

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- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

*Refrain*

- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he 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 his will;

*Refrain*

- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

*Refrain*

- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 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!

*Refrain*

## Second Reading

*A Reading from the Book of Revelation.*

**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; 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

*Ubi caritas*  
God is love and where true love is

Hymnal #577

*All remain standing.*

## Holy Gospel

**John 13:31-35**

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Edgar Otero

*All stand*

## Nicene Creed

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## Prayers of the People

*Deacon or Celebrant*

Gathered together in the name and power of our risen Lord, through whom the glory of God is revealed, let us offer our prayers to almighty God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

That heavenly peace may descend upon us and upon the whole world, remembering especially Donald, our president, and Brian, our governor, Nicole, our county chair, Craig, our mayor, and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, and Andrew, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That we may love one another as Christ has commanded us, remembering especially the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, our Path to Shine volunteers, and for our Vestry, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the church throughout the world and in this congregation may be united in peace, empowered by the Spirit, and faithful in its mission to all humankind, remembering especially Sean and Rob, our bishops, and Edgar and Dan, our clergy, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the power of Christ's victory over death may show itself among us, bringing freedom, joy, light, and life to those in need, especially Jack, Heather, John, Mary Ann, Bob, Jenny, Debanhi, Richard, Judy & Richard, Toni, Patrice, Graham, Ron, Meg, and Val, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The people may add their own thanksgivings and petitions.*

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

Ken & Molly Kress;

Tony & Lori Landis;

Hector & Dora Lara;

Filiberto Lara;

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for the gift of the altar flowers given by Christine & Andrew Haskell, in thanksgiving for Channing Haskell on the occasion of his birthday on May 19th, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Together with all others united to us in the communion of the risen Lord, for all that we need in this life, and in your eternal dominion, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant*

Grant, eternal God, that we who are made one with Jesus Christ in the power of his death and resurrection may show forth in our lives the love which proclaims us as his disciples, that the world may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

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*All stand.*

## **Peace**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

*And also with you. Alleluia!*

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### Blessing for Graduates

Heavenly Father,

We gather today to celebrate the achievements of these graduates, who have worked diligently to reach this milestone. We give thanks for their perseverance, dedication, and the wisdom they have gained. We are grateful for the families who have supported them, offering love and encouragement through every challenge. Bless their parents, siblings, and extended family members who have been their pillars of strength. We also give thanks for the mentors and teachers who have guided them, sharing their knowledge and inspiring them to strive for excellence. May their efforts be rewarded with the joy of seeing their students succeed. As these graduates embark on the next chapter of their lives, we ask for Your blessings upon them. Grant them courage to face new challenges, wisdom to make sound decisions, and compassion to serve others. May they find fulfillment in their pursuits and continue to grow in knowledge and character. Guide them with Your light, and may they always remember the values and lessons they have learned. Bless them with opportunities to make a positive impact in the world, and may their journeys be filled with joy, purpose, and success. In Your holy name, we pray.  
*Amen.*

Ellie Hampton Brack, granddaughter of Barbara and Elliott Brack of Norcross  
Graduates from James Island (SC) Charter High School,  
attaining membership in the National Honor Society.  
Plans to attend the University of California at Davis in the fall of 2025.

Luna Olguín Candelaria, daughter of Jose Adrian Olguin Apolinar & Dulce Candelaria Lopez  
Graduates from Collins Hill High School  
Will attend college to study psychology and continue to make her family proud.

Sadie Hartwig, granddaughter of Pat Corkum  
Graduates from Paul Duke STEM High School  
Will attend SCAD (Savannah College of Art & Design) in Savannah, GA  
to study Graphic Design.

Jonathan Lawton, son of Sue & Roger Lawton  
Graduated from the University of North Georgia in December 2024,  
with a B.S. in Chemistry.  
Pursuing a research career.

Eliam M. Otero, son of Edgar & Marycelis Otero  
Graduates from Gainesville High School with honors  
Will attend the University of North Georgia and will study Film and Production.

The Rev. Marycelis Otero, wife of The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Graduated with honors with a Masters in Divinity  
from Candler School of Theology at Emory University.  
She will be ordained to the priesthood during the summer of 2025.

Elizabeth Rojas-Miranda, daughter of Miguel & Rufina Miranda  
Graduates from Paul Duke STEM High school  
She is still deciding her next step

## Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for May is El Buen Pastor (The Good Shepherd Episcopal Mission) in Austell.

## Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

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## 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

*Come build a church*

arr. Ken Medema

*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

*Engelberg*

Hymnal 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

*The people remain standing.*

### Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer A

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<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i>

### Sanctus (8:00am)

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Hymnal #S-125

### The Lord's Prayer

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### Breaking of the Bread

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### Fraction (8:00am)

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### Fraction Anthem

Hymnal #S-164

### Invitation

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### Communion Hymn

*The Call*  
Come, my way, my truth, my light

Hymnal #487

## Communion Anthem

*Soon and very soon*

## Postcommunion Prayer

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## 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

*Land of Rest*

Hymnal #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Postlude

*It is well*

arr. Cindy Berry

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**Generous giving is an antidote to selfishness – a cure for the “affluenza.”**

Stewardship Quote

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## Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Jack Brocksmith, Heather Emery, John Emery, Mary Ann Fair, Bob Haer, Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Richard McNally, Judy & Richard Moore, Toni Mocharski, Patrice Neaves, Graham Perrins, Ron Rice, Meg Tuel, and Val Wilson.

## Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O’Keefe, and Andrew Pridgen.

## Prayers for Friends and Family

Connie Bentley, Margo Biringer, Brad Burns, John Buchek, Sophia Crawford, Joyce Daniel, Ralph Donnangelo, Will Drummond, Nick Forleades, Richard Freeman, Harold Ham, Bobby Harding, Lynn Catherine Jester, Val McCall, Kaye McRoberts, Yanina & Zeke Moore, Julie Murray, Alan Nichols, Anita Oliver, Patty Peña, Bonnie Pitman, Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich, Juan Rios, Jessica Rothchild, Robert Rudolph, Gary & Cindy Russell, Jerry Stedman, Andrew Thompson, and Noah Withrow.

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

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## **TIME-SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please read The Christ Church Chronicle (CCC) at [www.ccnorcross.org](http://www.ccnorcross.org) for detailed announcements.

### **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!**



To make your visit smoother, please scan the QR code with your smartphone. This will take you to our electronic visitors book, where you can quickly and easily enter your details. Your information helps us keep in touch with all new family members. Welcome home!

### **SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR**

We're looking for volunteers to provide light refreshments and a welcoming space for fellowship between and after Sunday services in the Parish Hall. You can sign up alone or with a friend to bring a few sweet treats OR a few savory treats. We are also looking for donations of packaged snacks to put out after the 1:00 service. Use the QR code (to the left) or this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A4AD2DA5FD0-fallwinter> to access the Signup Genius or Contact Kathy Smith at [smithd106@gmail.com](mailto:smithd106@gmail.com) for more information.



### **CALLING ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025**

Do you speak a foreign language? If so, please consider being part of our Pentecost Sunday Gospel reading at the one combined bilingual service at 11:30am on June 8, 2025. Please contact Beth Holland at [office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org) or call 770/447-1166 **before 9:00am on Monday, June 2, 2025**, and let us know if you would like to read and in what language. The English text of the Gospel will be provided after you respond, so that you have time to translate it into the language you will read. Thanks.

### **CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, & REAFFIRMATION ON OCTOBER 19, 2025, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION**

Registration now open (see applications on the table in the Narthex), with the first class beginning at 11:45am on August 3, 2025, and continuing through October 12, 2025.

If you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, or you would like to Reaffirm your commitment, or you have not been officially Received into the Episcopal Church, these classes are for you and are open to all, even if you just want to sit and participate in the class.

These classes will give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal/Anglican tradition and will cover our beliefs, polity, and structure. Bp. Rob Wright will be with us on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the combined bilingual service for these events.

### **FIRE / EMERGENCY LANE AREA REQUEST**

So that we stay in compliance with all fire and emergency codes, we kindly ask that you avoid parking in the driveway area from the front corner of the church to the back parking lot.

This includes the space between the kitchen and the shed. Loading and unloading is ok for a few minutes, but please move your vehicles to the designated parking areas—front of the church, 2 gravel lots, and if necessary, in the back parking lot in front of the picnic area.

We need to ensure that this space remains clear for all emergency vehicles to access our facilities quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our community safe.

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### **Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, May 18, 2025**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows  
Acolytes..... McKenzie Wortman, Kristie Bernard  
Altar Guild..... Ann Post, Amy Ross  
AV Team ..... Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD  
Eucharistic Ministers..... Kathy Smith; Mike Breedlove, Ann Post  
Greeters ..... Robert Richardson; Nancy Emery, Annette Stewart  
Lectors..... Steve Smith; Myrna Campbell-Kelly  
Ushers ..... Robert Richardson; Diane Cunningham, Scott Gottuso  
Vestry of the Day ..... Kathy Smith; Scott Bruce; Diane Lynch

### **Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, May 25, 2025**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows  
Acolytes..... Afiong Ekong, Jodi Arminio, Kristie Bernard, McKenzie Wortman  
Altar Guild..... Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis  
AV Team ..... Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD  
Eucharistic Ministers..... Jenny Ham; Angela Becker  
Greeters ..... Janet Orr; Guy & Susan Gupton, Amy Ross  
Lectors..... Mike Breedlove; Mike Wood  
Ushers ..... Janet Orr; Scott Gottuso  
Vestry of the Day ..... Janet Orr; Matt Tuel; Kristie Bernard

### **Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, June 1, 2025**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Edgar Otero  
Deacon..... The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows  
Acolytes..... McKenzie Wortman, Kassie Diehl  
Altar Guild..... Ann Post, Joyce Proctor  
AV Team ..... Eliam Otero, Dwalu Tay; TBD, TBD  
Eucharistic Ministers..... Jenny Ham; Angela Becker  
Greeters ..... Elliott Brack; TBD  
Lectors..... Mike Breedlove; Mike Wood  
Ushers ..... TBD; Karyn Angstadt  
Vestry of the Day ..... Scott Bruce; Kathy Smith; Matt Tuel

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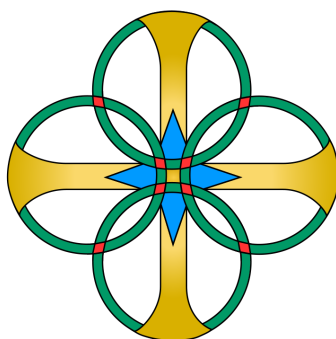
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