



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist (May 3, 2026 10:00 AM)



Welcome! We invite you to use the QR code or pew back card so that we might connect you to news, ministries and more.

Trinity welcomes all, including children and youth. A nursery, staffed with Safeguarded attendants, is available should you choose to use it. While wearing masks is optional, we affirm and respect those who choose to do so for their health or the health of loved ones. The hand sanitizers are available for your use, as you choose, but are not required. You are welcome to come to the altar rail during the Eucharist. You are welcome to the shared common cup. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. Episcopal worship is full of movement: we sit, stand, kneel, and move in worship. We believe in an [accessible altar](#) and are all here to worship God; every body does that differently. Our hope is that as we join in common worship, you will make choices that help you worship God in your particular body, which might mean you are doing different things than the people around you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC *How great Thou art*



1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, and hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the *roll-ing
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y mountain
die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



Refrain

thun-der, thy power throughout the un-i-verse dis-played.
gran-deur and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze; Then sings my
bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion, and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!



soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

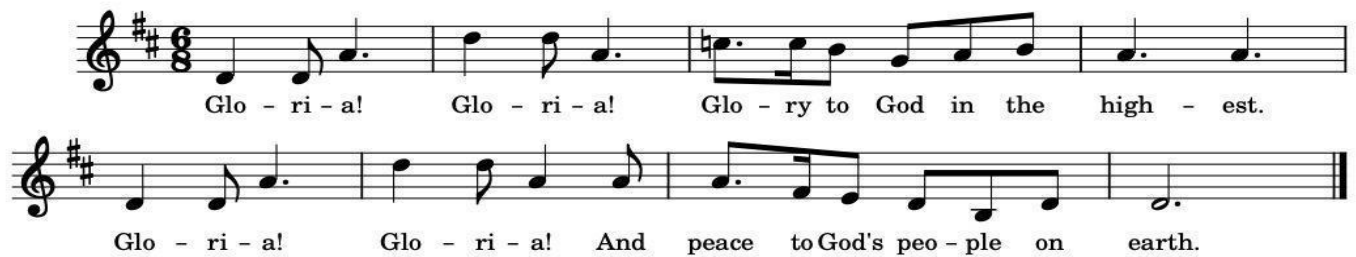
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.**

Children may follow the cross to Godly Play and return at The Peace.

THE GLORIA



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! And peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE LESSONS

Acts 7:55-60



In this reading from Acts, we meet Stephen who is the first martyr of the church. The book of Acts is the second volume of a two-part set of Luke-Acts, traditionally attributed to Luke, who was a physician and co-worker of Paul (Col. 4:14), who offers an orderly perspective. The main character in the Acts of the Apostles is not the apostles (sent ones) but the Holy Spirit. We hear throughout the book, tales of the early church in the formation of communities and individuals who follow Jesus Christ.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (St. Helena’s Breviary)*



Psalm 31 is thought to have been written by a refugee yearning for God’s safety and protection. The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poems, songs, and prayers originating from different times in ancient Israel’s history, including the time of King David and exile to Babylon. The psalms are often sung, chanted, and used to worship to contemplate the character of God. Themes include praise, pain, prophetic promises, and more.

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness, save me.”

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Second Lesson *1 Peter 2:2-10*



In today’s reading people are called to be a living stone supported by Christ the cornerstone. The book of 1 Peter is a short circular letter written by Peter to a number of churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) who are experiencing the sorrows and hostilities of persecution, reminding people that in the midst of suffering, Jesus is our hope. The values and actions of the Christian community are grounded in generosity, love, and joy, and not the values and actions of the world.

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, 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.

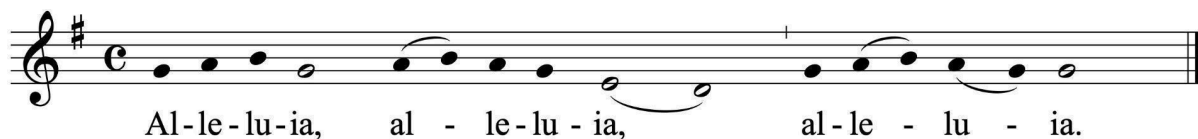
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL ALLELUIA



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

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

The Gospel *John 14:1-14*



Meditatio Moment

Today's gospel is frequently read at burials and is one of the I AM statements of Jesus's identity as God. John (one of the four gospels that witness to Jesus's life) offers a theological perspective of Jesus as the great "I AM", the eternal Word (logos), and the one to whom the (seven) signs point so that the reader may believe Jesus is the Messiah and have life in his name (20:31). The gospel contains poetry, narrative, teaching, and more.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself,

so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

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

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

THE SERMON

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

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Fill us with the joy of your holy and life-giving resurrection. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Risen Lord
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Reveal the light of your presence to those who are in danger, sorrow, sickness, or any other adversity; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially those we now name silently or aloud _____ *Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be added here.*; that they may be comforted and strengthened in the love of Christ, Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud _____ *names may be added here*; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your resurrection. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We celebrate this day the birthdays, anniversaries, and blessings of _____ *names and blessings may be added here*; **Watch over these your Children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

Leader Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people, enabling us to share that most daring faith that is in us. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer and inspire us to tell the Story.**

Often during Eastertide, the confession is omitted in remembrance that all are forgiven through our risen Lord Jesus Christ. As always, the rite of reconciliation is available through an appointment with the priest.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

We invite you, as able, to “offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vow to the Most High” (Psalm 50:14). Visit Trinity’s **new online giving link:** <https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopa51334/give/now> for instructions on giving through automatic bill pay, regular mail, or Realm. Realm is a 100% web-based church software solution for churches. You are encouraged, as an expression of the first fruits of the harvest of your time, talents, and treasure to make your pledge to God’s mission and ministry through Trinity Episcopal Church.



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HYMN *Cornerstone*

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

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:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *A period of Silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM



This is the feast - of vic - to - ry for our
God! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We invite all who are baptized Christians, including children of any age, to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to come toward the altar. Should you choose, you may use the hand sanitizer. You also have the choice of a shared common cup. Most choose by intinction (dipping your Bread/Body into the chalice in a way that your fingers do not touch the Blood/Wine), if you would prefer to drink, please let us know so that we may direct you to that chalice. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward with everyone for a blessing or a prayer. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will pray a blessing for you. If you would like communion but are unable to come forward, please advise an usher and we will come to you. This is God's table, not ours, and you are all very welcome here.

HYMN AT THE ADMINISTRATION

The goodness of God

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

CLOSING HYMN

Soon and very soon

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —

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2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

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

POSTLUDE

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