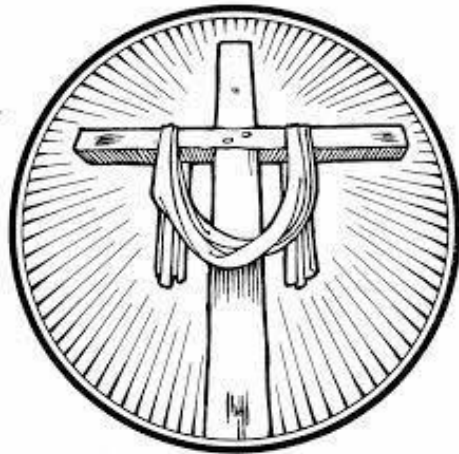


Harcourt Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025



THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Presentation Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Blue Hymnal, #309

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria, S 280 (Blue Hymnal)

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, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, who in the 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 First Lesson

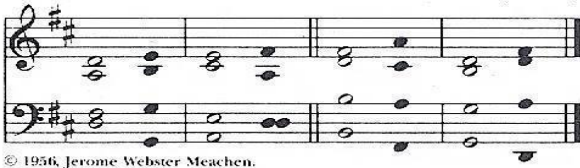
Acts 11:1-18

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 *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm, Tone S 415 (Blue Hymnal)



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The Psalm is chanted responsively: 2 verses by the cantor, then 2 verses by the people.

Psalm 148

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.

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;

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.

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!

The New Testament

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 *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

LEVAS, #108

Alleluia Tract, #848 (Wonder, Love, and Praise)

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor sings first time through, congregation repeats twice.

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

All may be seated

Nicene Creed

All stand in body or spirit and say:

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

Leader We pray for the church in every aspect and idiom of the world, that it may find its feet and its voice anew to preach the power of resurrection, to invalidate death and war, to plant peace in the furrows that our Saviour has harrowed for us. We pray for Anne, our Bishop, Rachel, our Priest and Chaplain, and Clarke in discernment, and in our cycle of prayer for _____.

People *God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!*

Leader We pray for this nation, for a renewal of our common life and purpose; for the courage and conscience of those elected and appointed to positions of authority within it, that the policies we implement may be life-giving for all who depend upon them.

People *God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!*

Leader We pray for the world, that all powers of evil and corruption may be trampled under the feet of our Risen Saviour, that a new season of peace and justice may arise. We pray for the agencies we support, especially the Immigrant Worker Project and Interchurch Social Services.

People *God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!*

Leader We pray for our neighbours, that they may find hope where it is needful, gladness where it is burgeoning, comfort where the earth still lies cold, knowing that resurrection is coming.

People *God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!*

Leader We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain them with his presence, to uphold them and fill them with his grace, and to give them the victory of life and peace, that they may know the healing power of his love. We especially pray for _____ and all those in our hearts.

People *God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!*

Leader We pray for those who have died. Receive them into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place, especially _____. Let their hearts and souls even now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live.

People *God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!*

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand

Bishop

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

People

And also with you. Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Organ Solo by Stan Osborn

Ushers collect monetary offerings, and the bread and wine are brought forward.


Presentation Hymn *All stand in body or spirit and sing*

On Christ the Solid Rock

LEVAS, #99

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda, S 120 (Blue Hymnal)



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
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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, S 129 (Blue Hymnal)

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God.... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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...
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.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your
kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive
us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us

from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem, S 163 (Blue Hymnal)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God

At the time of Communion, all are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or for a blessing as they desire. Please alert an usher if you need to receive in your pew. To receive a blessing, cross your arms your chest, likewise should you prefer not to receive the wine.

Communion Hymn

Love Divine

Blue Hymnal, #657

Post-Communion Prayer

Said together, standing or kneeling

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, Father, 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 him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn *All stand and sing*
Go Forth for God

Blue Hymnal, #347

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

*Please stay for coffee hour in the crossing
and greet one another.*

We joyfully practice the Episcopal Church's Baptismal Covenant which calls us to "respect the dignity of every human being." Seeker or believer or both or neither, from the Kenyon Community or beyond, straight or LGBTQ+, single or partnered, married or divorced, progressive or conservative or apolitical, of any ability, of any racial or ethnic or national identity—you are welcomed as part of God's diverse creation.

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