

**Sunday, 5/3/26**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude: He Shall Feed His Flock by G.F. Handel**

**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Green Hymnal #746 - God the sculptor of the mountains**

Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954). Music: Sandria, Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

- 1      **God the sculptor of the mountains,  
          God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens,  
          God the potter of the land:  
                  you are womb of all creation,  
                  we are formless; shape us now.**
  
- 2      **God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,  
          God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar of the darkness,  
          God the beacon of the free:  
                  you are gate of all deliv'rance,  
                  we are sightless; lead us now.**
  
- 3      **God the unexpected infant,  
          God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table turning prophet,  
          God the resurrected Truth:  
                  you are present every moment,  
                  we are searching; meet us now.**
  
- 4      **God the dresser of the vineyard,  
          God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest,  
          God the source of all we eat:  
                  you are host at every table,  
                  we are hungry; feed us now.**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Response: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.

Response: **Amen.**

***The Gloria: Hymnal #S280***

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***The Collect of the Day***

Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Generous God,  
whose way is love,  
whose truth is searching,  
whose life is freely given  
in Jesus Christ our Lord:  
as you have opened for us  
your house of many rooms,  
so may we make a place  
for the rejected and unloved,  
and share the work of peace;  
through Jesus Christ, the image of God.  
Response: **Amen.**

***The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60***

Reader 1: A reading from the Book of Acts.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16***

Reader 1: In you, O God, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Response: **Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.**

Reader 1: 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

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

Reader 1: Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

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

Reader 1: Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness, save me.

***The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10***

Reader 2: 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.

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Response: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual: Green Hymnal #806 - If you believe and I believe***

*Words and Music: Traditional Zimbabwe; adap. from English source as taught by Tarasai, ed. and arr. by John Bell.*

**If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free, and set God's people free;  
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.**

***The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

Response: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Gradual: Green Hymnal #806 - If you believe and I believe (see above)***

***The Sermon – Wynn Walent, Director of Locally Haiti***

***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***

*During the Prayers of the People, you are invited to go to one of the stands where lit candles are embedded in bowls of sand. Offer a special prayer by choosing an unlit candle, lighting it from the lit candle, and fixing it in the sand as you pray your prayer.*

Reader 3: Icon of the Most Holy One, may we examine your life and teachings to learn the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

God of life:

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Reader 3: Give true health and inner well-being to all people in authority at all levels of government, and heal the planet of harm.

God of justice:

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Reader 3: We pray for the faithful witness of the Church: For this parish and our ordained and lay leaders, for the clergy and lay people of the 301 Faith Partnership, for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Aurora, Grace Church in Buena Vista, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lakewood, Trinity Episcopal Church in Kremmling, and The Church of the Holy Redeemer in Denver. We pray also for The Church of North India (United).

God of grace:

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Reader 3: Grant that we may offer the help they truly need to all those whom we accompany through life's difficulties. We pray for the unhoused, for the food insecure, for migrants and immigrants, and for the people of Haiti.

God of mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Reader 3: May the work of Locally Haiti in Petit Trou de Nippes flourish as they support community health, education, agriculture and water resources, and empowering and mentoring of their girls.

God of hope,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Reader 3: May all who have died find their place in your house of many dwelling-places.

God of peace:

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Reader 3: We pray for our own needs and those of others. \_\_\_\_\_reads from prayer sheet and chat box\_\_\_\_\_

Reader 3: Holy and merciful God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory.

Response: **Amen**

### ***The Peace***

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Offer one another signs of peace.*

### ***Special Prayers:***

*Offer any special prayers you have for travel, anniversaries, birthdays, etc.*

**Offertory: Choir Anthem - The Gift of Love by Hal H Hopson. Add lyrics**

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***The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3***

Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Response: **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

Response: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

***Sanctus: beginning of Blue Hymnal #S128***

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: **Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may

be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Response: **Blessed are you, now and forever. AMEN.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Celebrant: And now, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Response: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### ***The Fraction Anthem: Beginning of Blue Hymnal #S154***

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold who you are; become what you receive.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*The Prayer Team is offering prayers during communion and after. Our prayer team has studied and prayed and opened ourselves to the Holy Spirit. We are here to join with you in praying to God for help in dealing with whatever troubles you.*

*After you receive communion, you may step over to the Prayer Station to the rear of the sanctuary. (It's on the far right. You'll see two members of the prayer team waiting there.) You might stand, kneel, or sit. We may ask your name and how we might pray for your concern. We may touch your arm or shoulder. We will bless you with Holy Water in the Sign of the Cross on your forehead. Prayers will ascend. Note: if someone is already at the prayer station when you decide to go up, you may sit quietly in one of the chairs near the station until that person is done. Don't worry if the congregation begins to pray the final part of the service. You are still welcome to receive healing prayers, even after communion is over.*

**Communion Hymn: Green Hymnal #333 - Now the silence (2x)**

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- 1**      **Now the silence**
- Now the peace**
- Now the empty hands uplifted**
- Now the kneeling**
- Now the plea**
- Now the Father's arms in welcome**
- Now the hearing**
- Now the power**
- Now the vessel brimmed for pouring**
- Now the Body**
- Now the Blood**
- Now the joyful celebration**
- Now the wedding**
- Now the songs**
- Now the heart forgiven leaping**
- Now the Spirit's visitation**
- Now the Son's epiphany**
- Now the Father's blessing**
- Now Now Now**

**Communion Hymn: Taize - Eat this bread**

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.  
 (or) Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne - ver be hun - gry.

Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.  
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Host of this feast beyond measure and price; we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness so that none might be lost;**

**Liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. Amen.**

### **Final Blessing**

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. (+)

Response: **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: #715 Red Lutheran Hymnal, Christ Be Our Light**

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**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
 Longing for truth, we turn to you  
 Make us your own, your holy people  
 light for the world to see.**

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
 Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church, gathered today.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
 Longing for hope, many despair.**

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
Refrain

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.  
Refrain

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.  
Refrain

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
signs of your kingdom come.  
Refrain

***Dismissal:***

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***Postlude: Offertorio by Domenico Zipoli***

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