CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

O God, we seek to be a people of the resurrection, a people of Easter joy. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives; in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814–1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702)

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; People: One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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 LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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.

PSALM 148 Everyone sings.



-Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the <u>heavens</u>; * praise him in the <u>heights</u>.
- 2 Praise him, all you <u>angels of his;</u> * praise him, all his <u>host</u>.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of <u>heavens</u>, * and you waters above the <u>heavens</u>.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the <u>LORD</u>; * for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and <u>ever</u>; * he gave them a law which shall not pass a<u>way</u>.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the <u>earth</u>, * you sea-monsters and all <u>deeps</u>;
- Fire and hail, snow and <u>fog</u>, * tempestuous wind, doing his <u>will</u>;
- 9 Mountains and all <u>hills</u>, * fruit trees and all <u>cedars</u>;
- 10 Wild beasts and all <u>cattle</u>, * creeping things and winged <u>birds</u>;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all <u>peoples</u>, * princes and all rulers of the <u>world</u>;
- 12 Young men and <u>maidens</u>, * old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the <u>LORD</u>, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal <u>servants</u>, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Revelation to John (21:1–6).

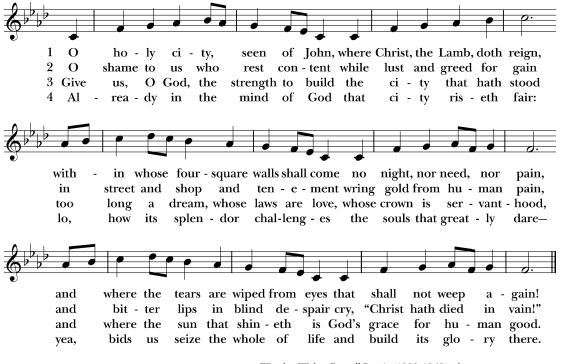
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"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.

HYMN "O holy city, seen of John" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1892-1969), alt.

Music: Morning Song, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782–1826)

GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:31–35). 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."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Erin Patrick and Michelle Smith for Children's Chapel. They will return for the Baptism.

SERMON

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present Tristan Woodrow Nega to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks Tristan:

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Answer: I do.

The Celebrant asks Jolene and Andre:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the

Christian faith and life?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature

of Christ?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks Tristan and his Parents:

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel

against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

The Celebrant addresses the people:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons

in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew

our own baptismal covenant.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT Standing, all who are able.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Tristan, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver Tristan, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep Tristan in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring Tristan to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son

may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in

glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER Remain standing.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit

moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

BAPTISM Remain standing.

Celebrant: Tristan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tristan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen*.

The Celebrant presents newly baptized and his family with a candle to commemorate his baptism, saying:

Tristan, receive the light of Christ and be Christ's light in the world.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,

and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

PEACE Standing.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

ANTHEM

The Choir offers "On Eagles' Wings" in loving memory of Vi & Ed Einstein.

On Eagles' Wings

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain*

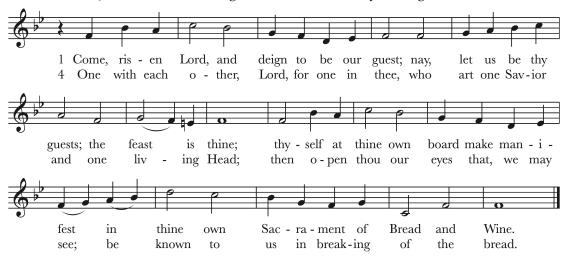
You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

For to the angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their wings they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

—Words and Music: Michael Joncas, 1979; para. of Psalm 91, arr. Mark Hayes.

HYMN "Come, risen Lord" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: *Rosedale*, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

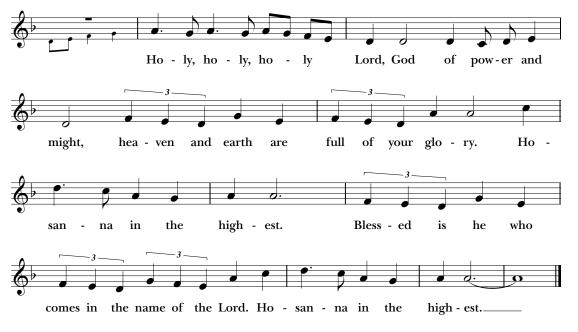
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the com-

pany of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Everyone sings:



—Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

All: 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

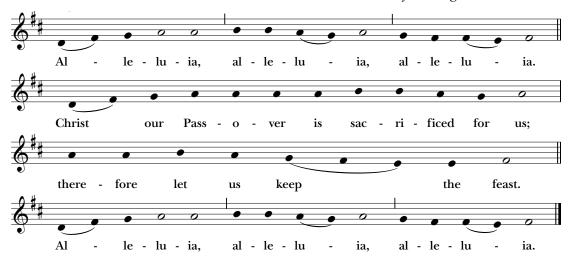
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



-Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant:

This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

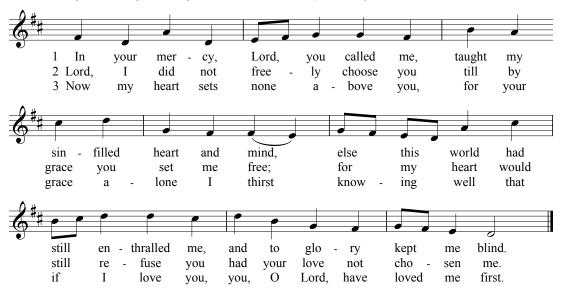
DURING COMMUNION

HYMN "Now the silence, now the peace" *Everyone sings*.



—Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (b. 1919–2008)
Music: Now, Carl Flentge Schalk (b. 1929)

HYMN "In your mercy, Lord, you called me" Everyone sings.

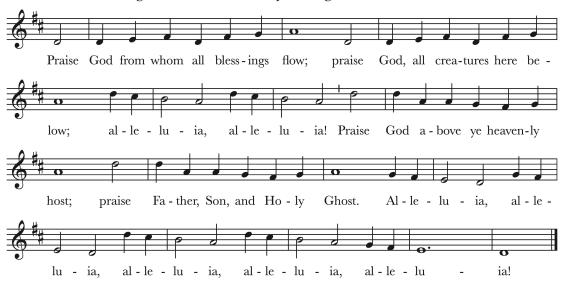


—Words: Josiah Conder (1789–1855); alt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920) Music: *Halton Holgate*, William Boyce (1711–1779)

HYMN "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" Everyone sings.



DOXOLOGY Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Remain standing.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF JENNIFER DUNN Seated.

BLESSING Standing; all who are able.



—Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); based on Psalms 148 and 150 Music: Laudate Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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