

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026 • 10:30 am + Holy Eucharist



- *Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.*

**Prelude** *Chorale Prelude on Christe Sanctorum*

Wilbur Held

- *at the sound of the bells, all stand*

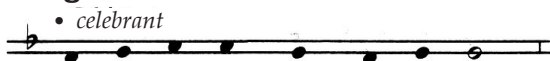
**Hymn I** *Father, we praise thee, now the night is over*

1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is  
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy  
 3 All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual  
 o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -  
 man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole-ness  
 Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -  
 fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -  
 send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -  
 va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -  
 ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.  
 nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
 sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

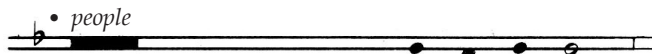
Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)  
 Music: *Christe sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681

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## Opening Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Song of Praise • S 278

## *Gloria in excelsis*

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: William Mathias (b. 1934)

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

*celebrant*                      *people*                      *celebrant*

God be with you.              And also with you.              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.

A - men.

- *all be seated*

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

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Joseph Barnby

In you, O Lord, 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 Lord, 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.

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

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.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

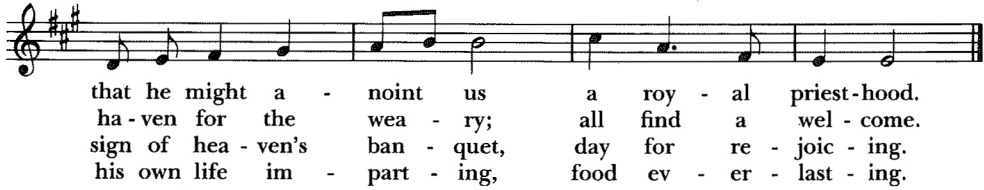
**Hymn 51** *We the Lord’s People, heart and voice uniting*



1 We the Lord’s peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
2 This is the Lord’s house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
3 This is the Lord’s day, day of God’s own mak - ing, day of cre -  
4 In the Lord’s ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark-ness in - to his own light,  
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.  
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
 his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John E. Bowers (b. 1923), alt.

Music: *Decatur Place*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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## **Gospel** John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

**Nicene Creed** • *all stand*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

Adapted from *Common Worship*, The Church of England

- *the deacon says*

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father, saying, "Hear our prayer."

- *the intercessor continues*

That our Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer.**

That the Church may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Terry our Bishop, and those Baptized, Confirmed, and Received this holy season, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant our elected leaders the humility which comes from Christian love, especially President Trump, Vice President Vance, and Governors Beshear and Braun, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer.**

That God may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer.**

That by God's power war and famine may cease through all the world, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer.**

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, especially Murphey Coy, Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Carlos LaGantta, Ginger Shackleton, Dean Weller, Ann Vellom and Ruth Wukasch, and those we now name . . . . . we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer.**

That God may be glorified for all the blessings of this life, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer**

That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, we pray to the Father.

### **Hear our prayer**

- *the celebrant says the concluding prayer*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



**The Peace** • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*  
The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Birthday Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Anniversary Prayer**

O gracious and everling God, look mercifully on your servants, who celebrate the anniversary of their marriage. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

### **Dean's Welcome**

## LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

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### **Offertory Anthem**     *Five Mystical Songs: IV. The Call*     Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

— George Herbert

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A • Expansive Language

*celebrant*                      *people*

God be with you.      And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

### **The Great Amen**



A - men.

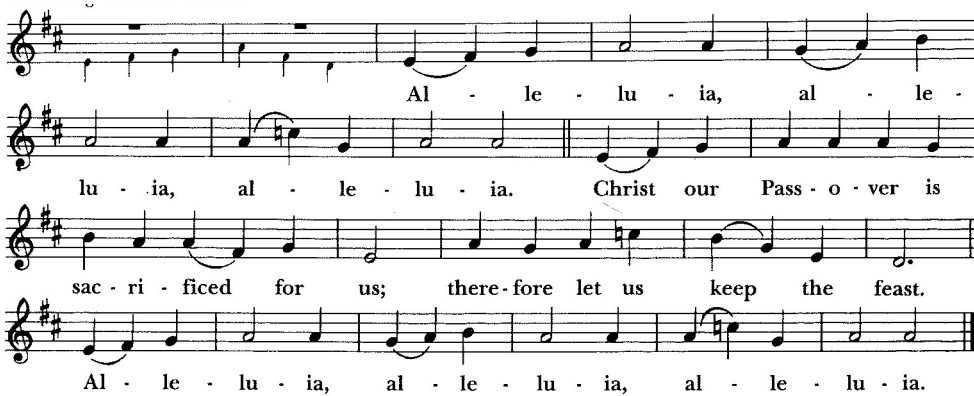
**The Lord's Prayer** • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

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

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### Fraction Anthem S155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

### Invitation to Communion

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

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

**An Act of Spiritual Communion** • *for those attending virtually*

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

**Communion Hymn 455**    *O Love of God, how strong and true*



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

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## **Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors**

- *deacon*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

- *people*

**We are all one Body, for we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

- *all stand; said by all*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

## **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in the sight of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**



# Concluding Hymn 525

## The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Postlude

*serving today . . .*

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The Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*  
The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*  
Austin Echols, *organist & choir director*  
Kent Echler, Jan Margerum, *lectors*  
Kitten Lawless, *intercessor*  
Kitten Lawless, Bill Smith, Jan Margerum, Tim Tice, *eucharistic ministers*  
Susan Shockey, Page Curry, *eucharistic visitors*  
Susan Shockey, Louise Isaacs, Henry Lawrence, *acolytes*  
Ben Wilson, Betsy Marker, *altar guild*  
Jim Monin, Susan Torok, Susan Wettle, *greeters/ushers*  
John Kiesel, *bell ringer*  
Betsy Marker, *live stream*



*... as for  
me and my  
household,  
we will  
serve the  
Lord*

Joshua 24:15

## **Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement**

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.





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→ *a church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city* ←

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