



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S  
✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 3, 2026 | 10:30AM**

**GREETING IN THE NAME OF THE ONE GOD: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT**

Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ! We are very pleased that you chose to celebrate this season of Resurrection with us. At Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church you will find a vibrant community gathered to offer God our best worship, to help each other follow Jesus and to invite the Spirit to guide us in ways of love, justice and truth.

*Kneeling is a posture of penitence and submission, but in Easter we are invited to stand boldly in our faith, symbolizing Christ's rising again and our jubilant celebration of our salvation. Standing is the historical posture for prayer and fitting for this season of Easter. If standing is a physical hardship, please feel free to sit.*

## Today's Announcements

- Nursery Available, 9am-12pm, Nursery
- Anglican Identity: History with Fr. Robert, 9:15am, Rm 211
- Sunday School, 10:15am, Lower Level
- Sandwich Sunday, 12pm, Taft Hall
- Youth Group, 12pm, Youth Rm (2nd Floor)

## This Week at Grace and St. Stephen's

- Mon. May 4 Noontday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Tues. May 5 Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook  
Women's Book Group, 10am, Room 211
- Wed. May 6 Holy Eucharist, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel & Communal Supper, 5:30pm  
Exploring the Sunday Liturgy w/Fr. Robert, 6pm, Parish Hall  
St. Nicholas Choir End Of Season Party, 5pm, Taft Hall  
Men's Book Club, 6pm, Weir Conference Rm
- Thur. May 7 Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook  
Centering Prayer, 11am, Weir Conference Room
- Fri. May 8 Chanted Noontday Prayer, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

## Looking Ahead

- Thur. May 14 Ascension Day Evensong, 7pm, Nave
- Thur. May 21 Pomona College Glee Club Concert, 8pm, Nave

## Life Together

**Birthdays:** Felix Willstatter, Quinn Lutton, Emily Rueber, David Bartelson, Sharon Anthony, Diane Jahnke, Tori Price-Smith, David Amrie

**Anniversaries:** Bill & Helen Hazelton

*We pray for those in crisis of health or circumstance:* Leigh MacHaffie, Al Larson, Scott Larson, KJ Ramsey

*We pray for those celebrating joyfully:* Andrew & Karen Theobald upon the birth of their son, Charles

*We pray for those in need of ongoing prayer:* The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Barb Good, John Hough, Annika Johnson, Maggi Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Br. William Marion Page, Elizabeth Phillips, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Kitty Taylor, Carol Townsley, Jill Wasinger, Pam White, Susan Willet, Henry Velandia, Alice, Jennifer, Nancy, Nick H., Oliver & Family, Piper, Wes

*We pray for those in harm's way:* Mark Jaskot, Frederich Jones, Matthew Lenz, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tahyar, Nicholas Wolf

# THE WORD OF GOD

**VOLUNTARY:** *Gavotte*

Matthew Camidge

*The people stand, as able.*

**HYMN 179: WELCOME, HAPPY MORNING!** (*Hymnal*)

*Fortunatus*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 299

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord us 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.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Proverbs. [4:10-18]

Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 119:9-24 (*Sung by a Cantor*)

BCP, 764

## THE EPISTLE

*Reader* A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand, as able.*

# HYMN WLP 740: WADE IN THE WATER

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

**Fine**

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?      God's a-gon-na trou-ble the  
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter.      1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,  
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

**D.C.**

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

## THE GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [14:1-14]

*People* **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." 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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**A REPEATING ALLELUIA** (*Sung by all*)

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

*Please be seated.*

**SENIOR REFLECTION**

Amber Young

- Have you ever found yourself up to the wrong business?
- What distractions do you face in keeping the main thing the main thing?
- Where have you seen the Church misaligned in our mission?
- What do you think the business of the Church is?
- How would you define “wisdom”?
- What would allow you to focus more on God’s wisdom instead of the foolishness of the world?

## HOLY BAPTISM

THEODORE JAMES MARTIN

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

BCP, 301

*The people remain seated. The Candidates are brought forward.*

*The people stand, as able. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*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.

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*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 CANDIDATES**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them 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

*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.**

*The celebrant continues...*

We thank you, Almighty God...be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*When the Baptism and Chrismation have been completed, the Celebrant prays over the candidate, saying*

Let us pray.

**H**EAVENLY FATHER, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.**

*Then the Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Celebrant then sprinkles the people with the waters of baptism as a reminder of our new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. During the asperges, the following Alleluia is sung, all standing, as able.*

*Sung by all.*

Refrain  
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

### THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY AND STEPPING UP

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (EPHESIANS 5:2)* Give here:



### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Lord of the Dance*

Sydney Carter, arr. John Rutter

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they wouldn't dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped, and they stripped, they hung me high,*

*and they left me there on the cross to die. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body, and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me I am the Lord of the dance, said he.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** (Hymn 400, v.7) *(The people stand, as able.)* *Lasst uns erfreuen*



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble - ness,



O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the Son,



and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

William Mathias (S128)

Ho - ly, 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.

*The people remain standing, as able. The Celebrant continues.*

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

...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,

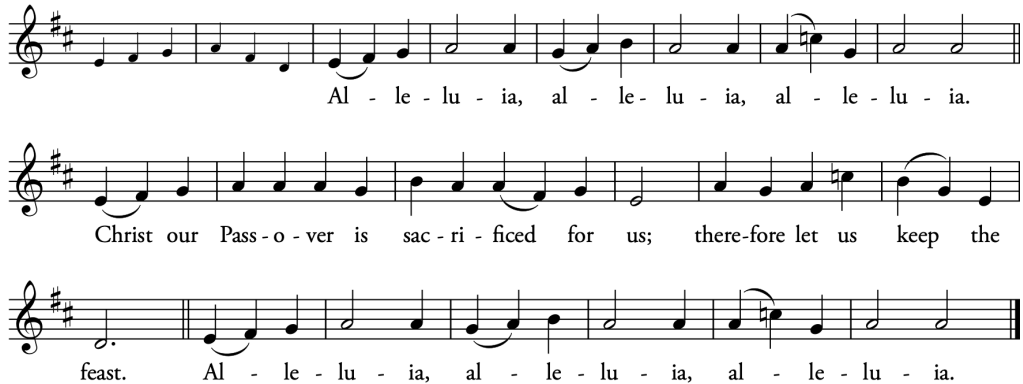
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR 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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Gerald R. Near (S155)



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

### *Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God...

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome and invited to come forward to participate in the grace and peace of Communion. There are a few ways that you can do this:*

- *Receive both the bread and wine: Place one palm on top of the other and you will be given a piece of bread, which you consume. When the chalice comes to you, please assist by guiding the chalice to your lips.*
- *Have the clergy intinct (dip) the bread into the wine for you: Place one palm on top of the other with your palms face down. Then turn your palms over to receive.*
- *Gluten-free wafer: Please let the clergy person distributing bread know.*
- *Receive a prayer of blessing: If you prefer not to receive Communion, or are not Baptized, cross your arms across your chest before receiving the bread. All Baptized Christians (in any tradition or denomination) are welcome to receive. If you are not Baptized and desire to be a part of and receive the Body of Christ, please speak with our clergy.*
- + *If you would like to pray with someone about anything on your heart or mind, a prayer team member will be in the Chapel or at the Tower entrance to pray with you after receiving Communion.*

*As you wait to go forward to receive Communion, or afterward, you might find prayers 66 & 67 on page 834 of the Prayer Book to be helpful.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** *The Easter Song of Praise*

Richard Shephard

*Sing choirs of heaven. Let saints and angels sing. Around God's throne exult in harmony! Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave. Salute your king in glorious symphony. Sing choir of earth. Behold your light has come. The glory of the Lord shines radiantly. Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death. The night is past, the day of life is here. Sing church of God. Exult with joy outpoured. The gospel trumpets tell of victory won! Your Saviour lives, he's with you evermore. Let all God's people shout the long Amen.*

**HYMN 487: COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE** *(Hymnal)*

*The Call*

**HYMN 325: LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER** *(Hymnal)*

*Let Us Break Bread*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(The people stand, as able.)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**E****T****E****R****N****A****L** **G****O****D**, 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.

**THE BLESSING**

**HYMN 412: EARTH AND ALL STARS!** *(Hymnal)*

*Earth and All Stars*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**VOLUNTARY:** *Postlude*

Leon Boellmann

Special thanks to all the children and youth who contributed to today's service.

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