



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

May 3, 2026, 10:30 am

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

----- WELCOME and HAPPY EASTER! -----

We are blessed by your presence at the Easter feast, which lasts until the Day of Pentecost on May 24. Christ is risen – and we will say and sing plenty of “Alleluias” (*Praise the Lord*) to instill the joy. Our Eastertide readings will come from the Acts of the Apostles, the First Letter of Peter (or one of his followers, writing in his name), and John’s Gospel.

New or visiting today? We’d love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew. We offer an adult class at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall, and a children’s class on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, downstairs at 10:30 am (they return at the sharing of Peace). These classes continue through the end of May.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. We offer home-made Bread, which does contain gluten. Rice wafers are a gluten-free alternative, simply request one from the priest. The bread/wafer may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Processional Hymn #182 _____ *Christ is alive!*

The Easter Acclamation _____

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Presider 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.**

Song of Praise: Hymn S-278, Glory to God _____ *William Mathias*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 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. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together:

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 Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

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

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

The Psalm _____ Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

The Congregation is encouraged to join the choir in singing both the antiphon and the verses of the psalm.

ANTIPHON: The choir introduces the antiphon (refrain), then all repeat it



VERSES:



1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; $\sqrt{\quad}$ let me never be put to **shá**me; *
deliver me / in your **right**-eous-ness.

2 Incline your ear to **mé**; *
make haste / to de-**lív**-er me.

3 Be my strong rock, $\sqrt{\quad}$ a castle to keep me safe, $\sqrt{\quad}$ for you are my crag and my
stróng-hold; *
for the sake of your Name, $\sqrt{\quad}$ lead / me and **gú**ide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly **sét** for me, *
for you are my / tow-er **ó**f strength. ANTIPHON



5 *In-to* your hands I commend my **spí**-rit, *

for you have redeemed me, √ O Lord, √ / O God **óf** truth.

15 My times are in your **hánd**; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who / per-se-**cú**te me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your **sér**-vant, *

and in your loving- / kind-ness **sá**ve me. *ANTIPHON*

The Second Reading _____ 1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader 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.

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

Sequence Hymn: WOV #734, vs. 1-2 _____ *Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling*

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

Refrain D G D

“Come home, come home! You who are
Come home, come home!

E A D A7 D7 G

wea-ry, come home.” Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,

C G C G D7 G

Je - sus is call - ing, call-ing, “O sin-ner, come home!”

The Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn, WOV #734, v. 3 _____ *Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling*

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *Rev. Susan Anslow Williams*
A time of silent reflection follows the Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Please stand, as able* _____

**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 _____ *for Eastertide*

Deacon In the power of the Resurrection, let us pray to our Lord saying, “Risen Christ, hear our prayer.”

Leader For the holy Church throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and parish leaders; and for all the family of Jesus Christ; that together we may give witness to our one faith, and know the presence of Jesus when we break bread together; let us pray to our Lord.

Response **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy, and live together in hope and peace. We pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, and remember especially the people of Iran, Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and Lebanon; let us pray to our Lord.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For Donald our President, Gretchen our Governor, and for all in high places of authority, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, seeking peace and bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to our Lord.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For all prisoners, captives, and those condemned to die, with whom Christ shares in suffering and abandonment; that they may find strength, freedom and forgiveness, let us pray to our Lord. **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church to make Christ known by word and example;

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world, courageous in times of trial and steadfast in opposing evil, let us pray to our Lord.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind our spirit, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his wings; especially those on our prayer list and others we now name... that they may be comforted and made whole, let us pray to our Lord.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we name...., and for all who mourn; that in Christ who has triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to our Lord.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that with the disciples, we may see Jesus' tomb empty and know our sins to be forgiven and our life made new, let us pray to our Lord.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you. **And also with you!**

Let's share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

Welcome, Milestones and Announcements _____

The Offertory _____

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form!



Offertory Anthem _____ *Peace I Leave with You*

Doxology *Please stand as we sing* _____ to Hymn 400

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B, *Please remain standing* _____ text rev. 2018

Priest The Lord be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest 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 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:

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.

Priest We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory.**

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer


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 Bread, *silence follows*

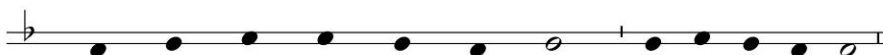
Fraction Anthem: Hymn S-152 *Ambrosian chant*

Presider



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

Response



There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion _____ *source: Iona Community*

This is the table where God intends us to be nourished;
this is the time when the risen Christ can make us new.
So come, you who hunger and thirst
for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.
Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion _____

*Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing home-made bread, and gluten-free wafers. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

Communion Hymn #487 _____ *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* _____

Priest 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.**

Easter 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 everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____

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<u>Serving at the Liturgy</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday 5/10</u>
Presider	Rev. Susan Williams	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
Assisting	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Rev Dcn Judy Marinco
Choir Director	Katie Young	Katie Young
Eucharistic Minister	May Louise S.	Amy Freeman
Intinction Cup	Paul Dolza	Paul Dolza
Reader	Katie Young	Deb James
Prayers	Denise Rayner	Dave James
Ushers	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Nancy Day & Lynne Ronthi
Live-streamer	Dave Rayner	Dave James
Vestry of the Day	Dolores Ruby	Sue Premo
Altar Guild	Mary Louise S., Diane Hill	Dee G., Lisa Cronk
Coffee Hour	Annette & Terri	Johnston / DuPei

Not for Moms Only - A Women's Retreat on May 9

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of St Philip's Church in Rochester, where Rev. Susan's husband Eric is the Rector, invites the women of St Jude's to a retreat on Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. The day is being led by Susan - it's a chance to meet each other for learning, fellowship and prayer. The theme is Mary Magdalen, First Apostle of the Resurrection. A small fee will cover lunch and art materials.

Unofficially, the day is in memory of Geraldine "Ged" Youngman, who attended St Philip's and who organized annual women's retreats for the ECWs of Michigan. We won't be spending the night but it will be a good time together. St Philip's is at 100 Romeo Rd, just off Main St (= Rochester Rd) in downtown Rochester. "Across from the Dairy Queen!" Sign-up information will be posted shortly.

Dibbleville Community Rummage Sale

On **Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16** the Fenton community will have their annual Dibbleville Community Rummage Sale. St. Jude's will have booth spaces available in Vandenberg Hall for individuals to sell their rummage items. We will NOT be collecting donations for a church-wide sale this year. It will be \$20 for space with a table and 2 chairs. Forms are available to pay and reserve your spot! Proceeds from space rent will go toward the operating church budget. We will set up the Thursday evening before. See Liz Sailus with questions and for more information.

Progressive Dinner

The social committee will be hosting a progressive dinner on Saturday May 30. We will be starting with hors d'oeuvres at Marincos' then moving to Johnsons' for salad and Hoppers' for dessert. There is a sign up sheet in Vandenberg Hall.

Graduates?

Are you or a family member graduating from high school or college this year? Your St. Jude's family wants to celebrate with you! Please let Liz in the church office know who and from where and we will print in the June edition of the Beacon.

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