



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*  
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, *Associate Rector*  
*Childcare is available in the nursery*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*  
EMILY MEEKS, ABBY MERK, *Seminarians*

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand and sing*

HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA S278

William Mathias

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.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.*

*The children will return before communion.*

## Psalm 31: 5a



*Choir:* 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. **ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* 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 they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. **ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. "Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me." **ANTIPHON**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

All stand to sing

**HYMN 213**

Come away to the skies

Middlebury

## THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*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.**

*The People may be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*All stand and say*

## 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, 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 and the Son, 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Intercessor concludes each petition* “Let us pray to the Lord,”  
*People* **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We invite you to support the mission and ministries at Christ Church by making an offering.*

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## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.  
Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,  
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.  
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,  
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;  
that ye should show forth the praises of him  
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,  
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Words: John 15, 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 6, Romans 12  
Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### SANCTUS FROM FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Craig Phillips

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —

11  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. —

20  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. —

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*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues on page 373 of The Book of Common Prayer*

**Celebrant:** We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love... Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People:*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**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.**

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.

*To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine. If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform the minister.*

## HYMNS AT COMMUNION

487	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life	<i>The Call</i>
457	Thou art the Way	<i>St. James</i>

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*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.

## THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 525	The Church's one foundation	<i>Aurelia</i>
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## THE DISMISSAL

*Leader* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

## POSTLUDE

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN**

*In honor of our Ushers, Altar Guild, Lay Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Vergers, and Acolytes*

**WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED**

Charles Abel

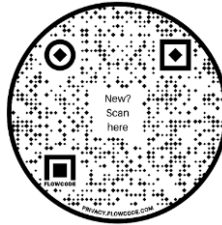
**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS**

Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Gail & Ridge Multop, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Carol Lafley, Linda Hoekstra, Kathie Nelson, Doug Mitchell, Anne Finley, Sage Hoare, Alan Adenan, Danielle Beauchamp, Kelley Dillon, Mary Ellen Freesland, Marynelle Losin, Jane Brewster, Brooke, Catherine Haywood

**NEW TO CHRIST CHURCH? PLEASE SCAN AND LET US KNOW!**



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*For inclusion on the prayer list, please submit names to [PastoralCare@ccalex.org](mailto:PastoralCare@ccalex.org) or 703.778.4936.*

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