

# The Word of God

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN *The Church's one foundation (Aurelia) (H 525)*

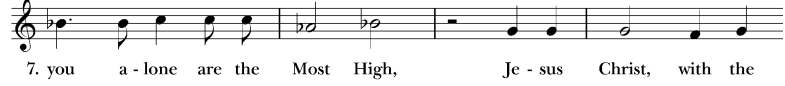
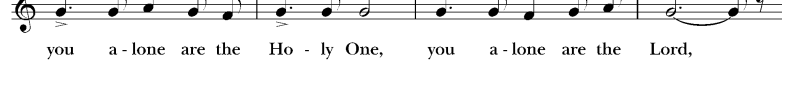
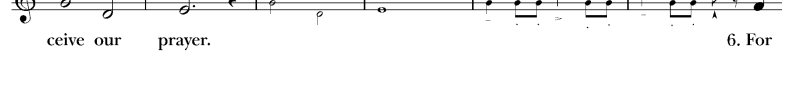
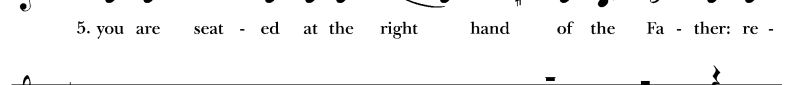
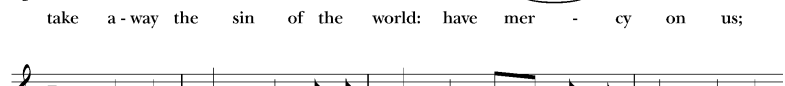
#### OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*In unison:* 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 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias) (S 278)*



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*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 LESSONS

##### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

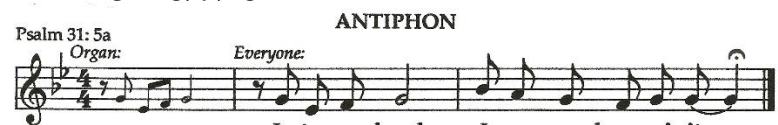
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>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:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

##### PSALM 31:1-5, 9, 15-16



(Choir sings the ANTIPHON, followed by the Congregation)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. **(All sing ANTIPHON)**

<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. **(ANTIPHON)**

<sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief,

my soul and body also. **(ANTIPHON)**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. **(ANTIPHON)**

##### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>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,”

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

##### SEQUENCE INTROIT *Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (MHSO20)*



All sing refrain.

#### Verse (Choir only):

Father of all, you are blessed, creator of earth and heaven, For the mysteries of the Kingdom shown to children.

All sing refrain.

##### GOSPEL: 14:1-14

*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus told his disciples,] <sup>14</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>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’?”

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

##### SEQUENCE *Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (MHSO20)*



All sing refrain.

#### Verse (Choir only):

"I call you friends," says the Lord, "you who are my disciples. I make known to you all I've learned from my Father."

All sing refrain.

**THE SERMON**

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*In response to*  
*Intercessor:* Let us pray,  
*People:* Hear us, O risen Christ.

Concluding Collect

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People:* And also with you.

**The Holy Communion**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord that Descendedst, Holy Child***

**Eric Gritton (1889-1971)**

Lord that descendedst, Holy Child,  
Dwelling amongst us, word of God,  
Thee we adore.

Jesus our Gospel, Way and Truth,  
Master and Lover, Light and Life,  
Thee we adore.

Savior, uplifted, Man for men,  
Shamed and slaughtered Lamb of God,  
Thee we adore.

Christ the Immortal Risen Lord,  
Christ that ascended, King of kings,  
Thee we adore.

Throned in the highest, Very Man,  
Alpha, Omega, God of Gods,  
Thee we adore.

Lord ever blessed, God most high,  
Lord ever blessed, God with us,  
Thee we adore.

- Eric Milner-White

**OFFERTORY HYMN Doxology with Alleluias**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'ly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B (BCP p. 367)**

*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.

**SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Powell) (S 129)***

Musical notation for the Sanctus with lyrics: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

Musical notation for the beginning of the Sanctus with lyrics: comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP p. 364)**

**FRACTION ANTHEM *Christ Our Passover (S155)***

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem with lyrics: 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.

**DISTRIBUTION**

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. [Amen.]

**COMMUNION HYMN *He is the Way (Hall) (H 463)***

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

**BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN *Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) (H 518)***

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All are warmly invited to join us after worship in our Church Center for fellowship and refreshments.*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for The Church of North India (United).

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston; The Very Rev. Michael Wright, Rector and Dean; The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue; Sub-Dean; The Rev. Ross Tortora, Priest Associate; The Rev. Randy Boone, Priest Associate; The Rev. Cn. Mac Magee, Deacon

**In the Parish Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for the Carter & Lesko family.

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# The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
5 May 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Roy Tripp, Celebrant



**Welcome!** We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you need pastoral care, reach out to Fr. Roy at RoyTripp@mac.com. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better.

NOTES: BCP is The Book of Common Prayer, the book with the gold cross. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.

