



The Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

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We hope this service of worship will be a source of strength and inspiration for your spiritual journey.

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CHORAL PRELUDE

He Rose

LEVAS 40

HYMN LEVAS 109

What a friend we have in Jesus

Scriven / Converse



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Celebrant

Almighty God, to you our 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.**

GLORIA LEVAS

Gloria

Haywood

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Page 225, Book of Common Prayer

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.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 148, Laudate Dominum

BCP page 805

1 Hallelujah!
 Praise the Lord from the / heavens; *
 praise him in the / heights.
 2 Praise him, all you angels of / his; *
 praise him, all his / host.
 3 Praise him, sun and / moon; *
 praise him, all you shining / stars.
 4 Praise him, heaven of / heavens, *
 and you waters above the / heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the / Lord; *
 for he commanded, and they were cre/ated.
 6 He made them stand fast for ever and / ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass a/way.
 7 Praise the Lord from the / earth, *
 you sea-monsters and all / deeps;
 8 Fire and hail, snow and / fog, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his / will;
 9 Mountains and all / hills, *
 fruit trees and all / cedars;
 10 Wild beasts and all / cattle, *
 creeping things and winged / birds;
 11 Kings of the earth and all / peoples, *
 princes and all rulers of the / world;
 12 Young men and / maidens, *
 old and young to/gether.
 13 Let them praise the Name of the / Lord, *
 for his Name only is exalted,
 his splendor is over earth and / heaven.
 14 He has raised up strength for his people
 and praise for all his loyal / servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Hallelu/jah!

A READING FROM THE REVELATION OF JOHN

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them as their God;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN LEVAS 43

Because He lives

Gaither

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —
 2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; _____ He lived and died _____ to buy my
 2. — and joy he gives; _____ But great - er still _____ the calm as -
 3. - nal war with pain; _____ And then as death _____ gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. _____
 2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. _____
 3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. _____

Be-cause He lives _____ I can face to - mor-row; _____ Be-cause He lives _____

— all fear is gone; _____ Be - cause I know _____ He holds the

fu - ture, _____ And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. _____

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

THE NICENE CREED

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant and People

**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

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church, and the world.

O Risen Lord, who calls your people to be bearers of light in a darkened world, we pray that the Church may boldly proclaim your gospel of grace and love. We pray especially for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, St. Luke's in the Meadow, in Fort Worth, St. Luke's in Stephenville, St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Keller, and Golden Gate Baptist Church.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Risen Lord, whose wisdom guides the course of history, we pray for our nation and for all in authority; grant our leaders discernment, integrity, and a spirit of mercy and justice.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Risen Lord, who has triumphed over evil, we pray for the welfare of the world; may your resurrected hope overcome despair, bring reconciliation among nations, and foster peace amid diversity.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Risen Lord, who transforms the mundane into miracles, we pray for our local community; may your love permeate every home and heart, nurturing unity, compassion, and a renewal of spirit in every neighborhood. We pray for Heritage Elementary, Heritage Middle, and Hidden Lakes Elementary.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Risen Lord, who walked the path of agony to deliver us to everlasting joy, we pray for all who suffer and face trials, especially those we now name. May your resurrecting power restore hope, mend broken spirits, and bring relief to every affliction.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Risen Lord, who conquered the darkness of death, we lift up those who have gone before us, [especially N.]; may they rest in the glory of your resurrection and share in the everlasting peace of your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

After the prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Ministry Minute: Life Scout Max Poveda

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

OFFERTORY *On the 3rd Sundays, loose offerings are designated for the Clergy benevolence fund.*

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OFFERTORY HYMN 663

The Lord my God my shepherd is

Crimond

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, _____ While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice _____ Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him _____ Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, ——— And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er ——— known. ———

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HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

WLP 858

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP 865

THE HOLY 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.


COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 149

In Remembrance of Me


Courtney / Red



1. In re - mem - brance of me,
2. (In re -) mem - brance of me,



1. eat this bread. — In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. — In re -
2. heal the sick. — In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. — In re -



1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let — your broth - er



done. — In re -
in, Let — him in. —

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber
 too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for
 you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me
 search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -
 mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart
 — look for God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

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CHOIR ANTHEM

This is My Commandment

Shakley

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,

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 Communion of Christ's body and blood.

The People respond,

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People together standing

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

HYMN LEVAS 130

Glory, Glory. Hallelujah!

Spiritual

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,

1. — Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. — I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.
2. — Since I laid my bur - den down.

3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

With one voice

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