



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

May 3, 2026 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

HYMNAL 525

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto 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.

GLORIA

S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day and readings can be found in the insert.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

ACTS 7:55-60

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



Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

1. In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to | shame; *
deliver me in | your righteousness.
2. Incline your ear to | me; *
make haste to | deliver me.

Antiphon

3. 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.
4. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for | me, *
for you are my tower | of strength.
5. Into your hands I commend my | spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God | of truth.

Antiphon

15. My times are in your | hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those | who persecute me.
16. Make your face to shine upon your | servant, *
and in your loving-kind | ness save me.”

Antiphon

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

1 PETER 2:2-10

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the beginning of the Sequence hymn, all children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE

HYMNAL 487

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

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

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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:
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.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Laura, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, and Bill, our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for Good Samaritan, Knoxville. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish, and for Trinity, Pierre. We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the (United) Church of North India.

We pray for those in rehab or assisted living: Jo Ann Baker; Dianne Davis; Roger Derby; Horia and Shafik Iskander; Allan Reiss; Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Roslyn Gift; Dominic & Lynn Giuliano, Daphne, Mila, Robert

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Brian Bustle; Courtenay Clary; Reid Hartman; Robert Manrod; Alex Mol; Christopher Zunan.

For these and all other intentions of this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

AVE VERUM CORPUS BY ELGAR

PARISH CHOIR

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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: O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The presider then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

A Proper Preface is said

Presider 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

HYMNAL S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or to 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 wine to be consecrated.

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

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and maintains a moment of silence.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN HERE, O LORD, YOUR SERVANTS GATHER WLP (GREEN) 793

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

THE 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.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

COME AWAY TO THE SKIES

HYMNAL 213

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

VOLUNTARY

The Altar Flowers and Ambry Candle are given to the glory of God.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - MAY 3, 2026

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
CRUCIFER		Teddy Dantzler
ACOLYTES	Davyda Hammond	
LECTORS	Jack Lee	Jim Anderson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Davyda Hammond	Goldie Kennedy, Gary Dreier
USHERS	John Cox, Jim Rousey	Scott Aaron, Judith Delaney
GREETERS	Carol King	Ed Johnson, Ada Hernandez-Bell
COUNTERS		Betsy Ellis, Goldie Kennedy
EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS		Carol King
ALTAR GUILD	Judith Delaney, Jo Kelley, Ruth Prince, Julie Webber	
AV TECH		Matthew Doane

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, May 6. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephens.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

TODAY

The loose plate offering for the first Sunday in May goes towards the Clergy Discretionary Fund. For more information please see the E-News

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

TODAY

Coffee and conversation is offered in the Parish Hall each Sunday after both our services.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LECTIONARY STUDY

TODAY

The weekly deep-dive reflection into the Sunday gospel restarted this Easter season! Fr. Bailey will be facilitating the conversation at 9:30 each Sunday morning in the Pollard Room. Even for those who might not like "traditional" Bible study, this class is a great way to engage some of the practical applications of the gospel in our walk with Christ and how we live out our faith in our homes and beyond. Hope to see everyone there!

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION

ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of Chef Boyardee Beefaroni/spaghetti & meatballs, children's cereals. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

DOK MEETING

TODAY

The Daughters of the King (DOK) will host the next meeting today, May 3, from 12-1 pm in the Pollard Library. All Daughters are encouraged to wear blue. This will be our final meeting before the summer break! All women are invited to be involved with the Daughters of the King and meetings are open to all for those considering joining this Religious Order. If you would like to learn more about the ministry of DOK or consider becoming a part of the order, please contact Rebecca Cavender (rebecca.m.cavender@gmail.com).

YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 10

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and will be also be Youth Sunday. Please join us for a 'kid friendly' Coffee Hour--AKA chicken nuggets, tater tots, veggies and dip, and brownies-- after the 10:30 service as we honor our young people!

CELTIC SERVICE

MAY 10

St. Stephen's will host this month's Celtic service next Sunday at 5 p.m. Please join us in the nave for this service of beautiful contemplative music, Scripture, reflection, prayers and eucharist as well as intervals of reflective silence.

GRADUATES

Please let the church office know of any member of your family who will be graduating this spring. We would like to share this news with the parish on Youth Sunday.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24

On May 24th, wear your red and celebrate Pentecost followed by the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. The Men's Group will be manning the grills and will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Since Pentecost marks the birthday of the church, there will also be birthday cake! Please bring your favorite cookout food to supplement the meal.

LEMONADE IN THE GROVE

MAY 31

Lemonade in the Grove begins on May 31st and will continue through Labor Day. Join us for light refreshments, great conversation, and of course, lemonade!

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open daily from 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays, and most holidays.

SERVE BEHIND THE SCENES

Join the Altar Guild. Do you have a heart for service and an eye for detail? St. Stephen's Altar Guild is looking for new members to join our ministry of care.

We work quietly behind the scenes to ensure the beauty and readiness of our sanctuary. From preparing the Holy Eucharist to caring for sacred linens, our work is the "silent heartbeat" of every service—from Sunday mornings to weddings and funerals.

Why We Need You

Currently, we are operating with three teams in rotation, and our goal is to return to four teams. Your help will allow us to continue this faithful, year-round duty without overextending our current volunteers.

Give just 1-2 hours a month to help set up and /or close our services. This role is perfect for those who enjoy quiet, meaningful work in the peaceful stillness of the sanctuary.

No experience is required. We provide full training for every willing hand!

Ready to help? Please reach out to Roni Boyd mikeroni2@comcast.net or Julie Webber Julie.webber@ststephensorg.org

WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 4 - MAY 9, 2026

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, May 4	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	G&M Meeting
Tuesday, May 5	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/Healing Service
	2:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer In-person
Wednesday, May 6	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 7	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, May 8	8:30 a.m.	Wardens' Meeting
		Office Closed

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