



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 15, 2022 7:45 A.M.

*W*elcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and to all who worship with us this morning, and a special welcome to all our guests who join us today. We are delighted that you are here with us! If you are looking for a church home, you will be most welcome to join our church family in worshipping God and in our many ministries to each other and the world around us.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to receive a blessing: simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex and will be provided by an usher upon request.*

*For your convenience and others around you, please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins. If you need to answer a call, please do so in the narthex.*

*Please call the clergy or the church office for any information or help we can provide. We invite you to fill out a green visitor card found in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.*

*At this time, masks are optional at our in-person worship services.*

*Today's service music and hymns are found in either the blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder, Love, and Praise songbook, located in the pew racks, unless otherwise noted.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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, 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.*

## GLORIA

BCP 356

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.

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.

## PSALM 148

BCP 805-806

- 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 created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 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 together.
- 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. Hallelujah!

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.**

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

*Gospeller*        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.”

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

THE REV. BAILEY NORMAN

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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

BCP 383

- Intercessor* 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.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* 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.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Ashton, and Steve, our clergy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd in Lookout Mountain; in our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John’s, Deadwood, our sister parish, and St. Mark’s in Aberdeen, South Dakota; for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Scottish Episcopal Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For Joe, our President; for Bill, our Governor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Matthew Doane, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In thanksgiving for the birth of Amelia Jane, great-niece of Carol Gardner, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For those in assisted living and rehab: Earl Eversole, Pat Hartman, Dot Skinner and Pat Swinney; for parish members: Charmaine Hensley, Steve and Liz Herbes, Charlie and Nancy Higdon, Bob Hightower, Brad and Ashley Hillis, and Thomas, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad: Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Robert Graf, Jr., Seth Knazovich, Alex Mol, Justin Snyder, Thomas Stickle, and Kyle Zirkel, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* 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.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*Intercessor* Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*People* **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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

*The people remain standing. The priest 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.

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:

**SANCTUS**

**BCP 362**

**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, as they are able. Then the Presider 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.

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:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider 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.**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.*

## FRACTION

BCP 364

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

*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.*

## 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.*

## DISMISSAL

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

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

# THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY — MAY 15, 2022, 7:45 A.M.

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