



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

The Service of the Word

Prelude: Jonathan McKinley (*piano*)

Opening Hymn 376: “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

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

The 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

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL * (Ages 4 – 10 years)**

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: “Jesus is Risen”

*Jesus is risen let us sing, praise to the everliving King!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him with joy, ye Seraphim!
Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Galatians 1:1-12

Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers and sisters with me, To the churches in Galatia:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

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

Psalm: 37:7-17 (read responsively by half verse)

- 7 Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
**do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.**
- 8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- 9 For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.
- 10 A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.
- 11 But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.
- 12 The wicked plot against the righteous
and gnash their teeth at them;
- 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he knows their day is coming.
- 14 The wicked draw the sword
and bend the bow
**to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose ways are upright.**
- 15 But their swords will pierce their own hearts,
and their bows will be broken.
- 16 Better the little that the righteous have
than the wealth of many wicked;
- 17 for the power of the wicked will be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

Sequence Hymn: “Simplicity”

*You're the reason I sing
The reason I sing
Yes my heart will sing how I love You
And forever I'll sing, forever I'll sing
Yes my heart will sing how I love You*

The Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

Reader 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.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: “Dealing with the Lie”

The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone. (Silence)*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
(Silence)*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy. (Silence)*

We pray especially for the peoples in impoverished and
war-torn areas;
*Move every heart to yearn for peace, justice, and kindness
for all people. (Silence)*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation,
and for all those on our Church’s prayer list. *(Pray aloud
or silently for your own needs and concerns).* We pray
especially for all who have died and for those who miss
them. – *Pause.* Comfort and sustain us. *Help us to trust in
you and in the never-ending life you eternally offer all
people.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

And now, Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the
forgiveness of our sins.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

Graduating Seniors

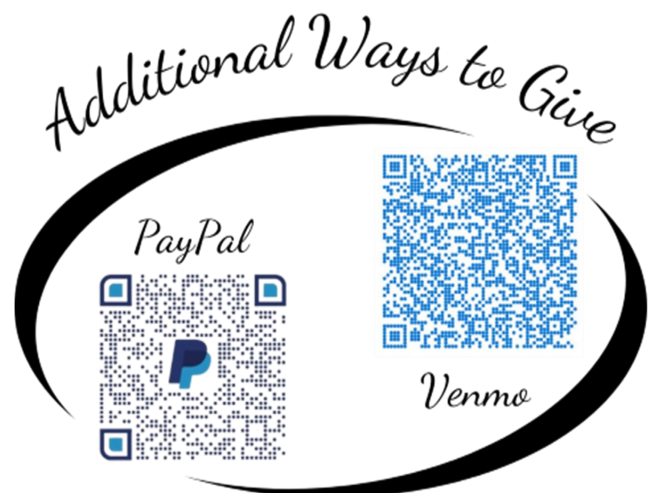
Alica Thompson

Matthew Rameriez

Evelyn Spain

Sevy St. Hilare

Indi Hibschan





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Goodness of God” (See insert)

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

Sanctus S-129

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 Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn: “We Exalt Your Name”
(See insert)

Communion Hymn 645: “The King of Love”

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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.*

Closing Hymn: “We Are the Light of the World”

*Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit;
Bless us, O Lord, our God*

*(Refrain) We are the light of the world;
May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do,
and give glory to God.*

*Blessed are they who are meek and humble,
They will inherit the earth
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble;
Bless us, O Lord, our God (Refrain).*

The Dismissal

NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY FROM JESUS’ TABLE



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Serving Today

8:00am - DOD: Nancy Gibbons, **Chalice Bearer:** D’Anna Entrekin,
Readers: Chip Lands, DeAnne Amacker

10:30am - DOD: Howard Johnson, **Acolytes:** Lamar Parsley,
Landree Williams, Grace Andrew **Ambassador:** Clay Coleman,
Chalice Bearers: Miya May, Madeleine Hutchison **Readers:** Jean
Gibson, Sabrina Merritt

Home Communion Volunteers:
Trista Miller and Hunter Walker

Flower Dedications

Flowers Donated by Eden Ridgeway & Isabelle Peterson for their wedding anniversary.

Sermon Notes:

May 18: Chapter 1 – 2 May 25: Chapter 3
June 1: Chapter 4 – 5 June 8: Chapter 6

INTRO: Galatians was _____'s (father of Protestant Reformation) favorite book to quote, & its all about God's _____.

ABOUT PAUL: To understand this letter, we need to understand that Paul was a man who had believed a _____ about God. The lie Paul was told was that God is _____ everyone who deviated from a very certain path of life.

Once Paul's relationship with God got personal, Paul knew the true _____ of God.

GRADUATES...CHILDREN: It is important to remember that, if a person has the wrong idea about _____, they will have the wrong idea about _____ itself. And they will live accordingly.

OVERVIEW: Chapters 1 & 2 (in four sections)

1:1-5 — Paul Greets, but even in his greeting he is laying ground-work for his defense

1:6-12 Here, Paul acknowledges what has been said about him and his motivations.

1:13-2:15 He defends himself and his Gospel, telling a story of his standing up to Peter in front of others.

2:15-21 Again, proclaims His Gospel in the face of the Lie.

The main message of this letter: We are saved, we are loved, we are received by God as his child not because of what we _____ in this life...but because of God's _____ alone.

To Paul, Grace essentially means a *loving* _____ towards. Grace is the loving disposition that a good, loving _____ has towards their child.

GRACE, in other words, is the lens of love through which one sees their beloved. It is the lens of _____ through which God sees you. It is God's Grace, his goodness, his mercy. It is the assurance of his goodness and steadfast love for you.

CONCLUSION: The churches in Galatia...had once again begun to believe a _____ about God. And the entire purpose and hope of this entire letter from Paul was to defend the truth that God really is THAT _____.

No matter where you are, remember, God is as _____ you now, right now, as he ever has been. And nothing you _____ changes the way he _____ you.

God is not _____ you, he is _____ you.

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

CJ Moffett, Diane Persell*, Fay Scordato*, Jaime Badilla, Lavonne Thomas, Nancy Gibbons, Mable Wilson's Family, Mark & Nikki Thomas, Melinda Turner, Sherry Tilman's Family, Paul Ridgeway, Tony Kimmons, Wallace Wilson

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather,

Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Steven Bonello, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Kneeven

Repose of the Soul

Sherry Jo Tilman, Diane Ridgeway Spicer, Mable Wilson

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