



The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026

## The Service of the Word

**Good morning! We love our love for one another!** Yet around 10:28am, once our Opening Voluntary begins, please help us begin the tradition of sitting down and preparing ourselves for worship with a moment of quiet and stillness during the offered song. But, please! Don't forget to offer others grace upon grace as we do so. Peace.

**Opening Voluntary:** "You Won't Relent"

**Opening Hymn 405:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*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:** "Who You Say I Am"

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am!  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am!*

**The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant**

**The First Reading:** Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 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. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 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* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 (read responsively by half verse)**

- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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-kindness save me."**

**Sequence Hymn:** "The Way"

The Way, the Truth,  
the Life I believe You are,  
the Way the Truth  
the Life I believe You are

## The Gospel Reading: *John 14:1-14 (NIV)*

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

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

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

**Message:** “Direction”  
The Rev. Rob Dixon

## The Apostles’ Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen*  
*(\*“catholic” means universal)*

## Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic\* Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

## The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

## The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

### *Additional Ways to Give*



*PayPal*



*Venmo*



# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 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 Hymn:** “We’ve Come this Far by Faith”  
(See insert)

**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** (p. 367 BCP)

**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 - S129**

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.

**Celebrant** Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**People** **We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (p. 364 BCP)

**Communion Hymn:** “The Way/I Surrender All”

Through every battle, through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance I believe  
that You are my fortress, Oh, You are my portion  
And You are my hiding place, Oh, I believe You are  
(Refrain) The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are  
The way, the truth, the life I believe  
Through every blessing, through every promise  
Through every breath I take, I believe  
that You are Provider, oh, You are Protector  
You are the One I love, Oh, I believe You are (Refrain)  
(Refrain 2) I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.  
All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;

*I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live (refrain 2)*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now. (Refrain 2)*

**Communion Hymn:** “Take and Eat”

(Refrain) Take and eat; take and eat:  
This is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink; take and drink:  
This is my blood given up for you.

**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.

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 494:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**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: Tam Lee. Readers: DeAnne Amacker, Nancy Gibbons.

**10:30am:** DOD: Marline Austin Acolytes: Lamar Parsley, Jett Williams, McKenzie Simpler. Chalice: Camille Lukow, Al Salinas. Readers: Lorrie Wilkinson, Andrew Momany

**Home Communion Volunteer:**  
Jacemine Ray & Hunter Walker

# Your Sermon Notes

## Prayer List

### Requested Prayer

Marquerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Jackie Lanier, Joy Van Caster, Cindy Skeen, Al Colbird, Donald Hanson, Sheila Hanson, Donna Hundley, Tabby Riley, Kathy, AnnaBelle Love, Linda Patterson, Preston Patterson, Shearon Harrelson, Aundria Rogers, and JS.

### Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan

Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Harlin Cade Wright, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimaudo, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, and Taylor Kneeven.

### Repose of the Soul

Dorothy Maddox, Rev Michael Patrick Mooney, Gordon Gibson, John Warren Dixon Jr, Brian James, Chloe James.

**We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to partici-**

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