

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



**Trinity Church**  
Jacksonville, Illinois



**PRELUDE**

*Adagio (from "The Seasons")*

Vivaldi / Wolff

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Jesus lives! thy terrors now (Mowsley) (H 195)*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 202 *Glory be to God (Canticle 6)***  
**(Willan) (BCP p. 324)**



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,



good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,



we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give



thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly



King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.



4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the  
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.  
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —  
A - - - - - men.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>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: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>*Incline your ear to me; \**  
*make haste to deliver me.*

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>*Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \**  
*for you are my tower of strength.*

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>*My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.*

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your lovingkindness save me.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

## VERSICLES

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
death hath no more dominion over him.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus told his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)**

### **THE CREED (BCP p. 326)**

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
    who for us men and for our salvation  
        came down from heaven,  
    and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man;  
    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered and was buried;  
    and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
    and ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
    and he shall come again, with glory,  
        to judge both the quick and the dead;  
    whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
    who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
    who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
        and glorified;  
    who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE IV

**Celebrant:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**Lector:** Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Brian our Bishop, for Sarah, Carlos, David, Zachary, and for all bishops and ministers. Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, especially Donald our President, and J B our Governor, and of those in the military and law enforcement, especially Bentley, Cail, Courtland, Levi, Mia, Nolan, and Rankin, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Skip, Davis, Ethan, Ryan, Phyllis, Gayle, Sarah, Mary, and Dennis & Margie, who celebrate anniversaries this week, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Camryn and Rob; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Paul Arthur, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

*All stand.*

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)**

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

*People*                And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.  
*Psalm 50:14*

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*I Am the Way*            Richard Gieseke

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) (H 518)*



## SANCTUS *S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S 125)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is

shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

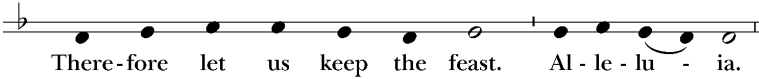
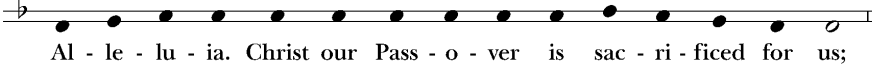
**THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)***  
***(Plainsong/Douglas)* (BCP p. 336)**

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM *S 152 Christ our Passover (Chant/Martens) (BCP p. 337)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Father, we praise thee, now the night is over (Christe sanctorum) (H 1)*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## **BLESSING (BCP p. 339)**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*He who would valiant be (St. Dunstan's) (H 564)*

## **POSTLUDE**

*Fughetta in A Major*

Charles Burney

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## INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

### **The Church**

|                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| The Diocese of Springfield         | Brian, Bishop                   |
| The Episcopal Church               | Sean, Presiding Bishop          |
| The Church of England              | Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury |
| The Region of Arequipa (Peru)      | Carlos, Vicar                   |
| The Church of North India (United) |                                 |
| Trinity (Mattoon)                  | David, Priest-in-Charge         |
| Nsenda Parish (Tanzania)           |                                 |

### **Birthday**

Skip Nelson (5/3)  
Davis Tighe (5/6)  
Ethan Scott (5/7)  
Ryan Worrall (5/9)

### **Baptism**

Phyllis Miller (5/6)  
Gayle Clark (5/9)  
Sarah Van Aken (5/9)  
Mary Watts (5/9)

### **Wedding**

Dennis & Margie Smith (5/10)

### **For those who suffer from any sickness or distress**

Camryn                      Rob

### **Those on active military duty and in law enforcement**

|                 |             |                      |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Bentley Clayton | Cail Lang   | Samuel Rankin Weller |
| Levi Haley      | Nolan Welch | Courtland Woodruff   |
|                 |             | Mia Yamada           |

## MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Rev. Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant  
Organist: Mary Wilson  
Oboist: Mary Ferguson  
Lector: Cathy Nelson  
Acolyte: Clayton Robb  
Altar Guild: Pat Bone, Adah Mitchell  
Ginda Woodruff & Pat Wright  
Ushers: Chuck Crim  
Coffee Hour: Carl & Cindy Meisner

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**The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

Paul Arthur Pollock

***“May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.”***

Tuesday, May 5: 6:00 pm Trinity Fellowship Potluck

Wednesday, May 6: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 10: **The Sixth Sunday of Easter** (Feast of our Lord)

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Church School

***Morning Prayer is said at 10 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.***

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