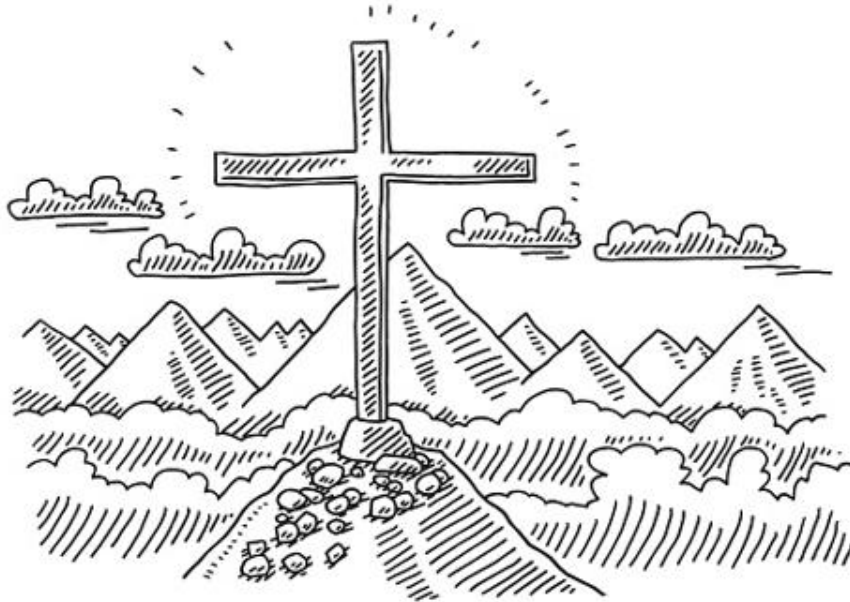




The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:15 a.m.



In my Father's house
are many dwelling places...
I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Prelude

✠ Processional Hymn "Sing With All The Saints In Glory"

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has
yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy
conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; there on
high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it.
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! Heaven rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages;
Saints all longing for their heaven
Prophets, psalmists, seers and sages all await the
glory given

4. Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith:
what joy unknown,
When amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal see that glowing
firmament
Know with you, O God immortal,
Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

Words: William J. Irons (1873) | Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **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.**

Hymn of Praise

Setting: Mass of Ascension

Donna Parker

1. Glo-ry Glo ry Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on
Earth 2. Lord God Heav-en-ly King: al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship You we give You thanks we praise you for Your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus
Christ on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God Lamb of God you take a -
way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us. 1. Glo-ry Glo ry

Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth 5.You are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re - ceive our prayer For
 You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord. 7.You a -
 lone are the mo - st high Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther A - men A - men 1.Glo - ry Glo ry
 Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 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. 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." 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", 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.

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. 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.

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

Children's Chapel: *Children of all ages are welcome!*

✠ Sequence Song

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You

"Sanctuary"

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The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 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'? 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. 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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Pierre-Henry Buisson

✠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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: In joy and hope, let us pray to the Risen Lord for the Church and the world.

Intercessor: For the Universal Church, its members, and its mission: that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, and make us bold witnesses to the Good News we proclaim, let us pray. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the nations of the earth and their leaders, and for this nation in particular: that the God who shows no partiality may guide us in the ways of justice and peace, and make us signs of hope in a wounded world, let us pray. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Middle East, for Ukraine, and for all places torn by war: that the One who rolled away the stone may also roll away every wall of hatred and division, and bring forth reconciliation and new life, let us pray. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who serve in our armed forces throughout the world, especially those in harm's way: that they may be kept safe in body and spirit; and for the families who wait and worry at home, that they may be sustained by hope and surrounded by love, let us pray. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer and those in any trouble – especially Lianne, Stacy, Bill, Gail, Jack, Jackie, Liz, Scott, Betty, Steve N., Steve P., Ryan, Rick, Debbie S., Jordan, Reed, Mason – that they may be upheld by your healing presence and delivered from their distress, let us pray. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Trevor, Laurie, Anne, Ron+, Kirsten, Mark and Emelia, and all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: that they may be renewed in joy and strengthened in love throughout this Easter season, let us pray. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the departed: that, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, they may share fully in the victory of the risen Christ, let us pray. **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Confession of Sin:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence is kept.*

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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Thank you for your financial support! To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.



The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

"Cornerstone"

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

2. When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus:

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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✠ Presentation Hymn

"The Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Lass! Uns Erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan William, 1906.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Ho-ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er God of might

8
Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - sa na in the high -

16
est. Blest is He, who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sa - na

26
in the high - est Ho - sa na in the high - est

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:

Memorial Acclamation

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Christ has died Christ is ris-en Christ will come A - gain

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

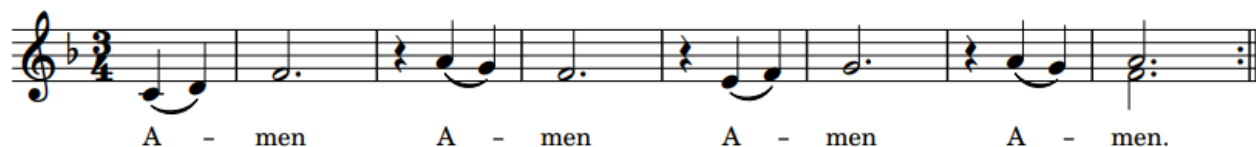
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Luke and 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.

The Great Amen

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

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 Breaking of Bread

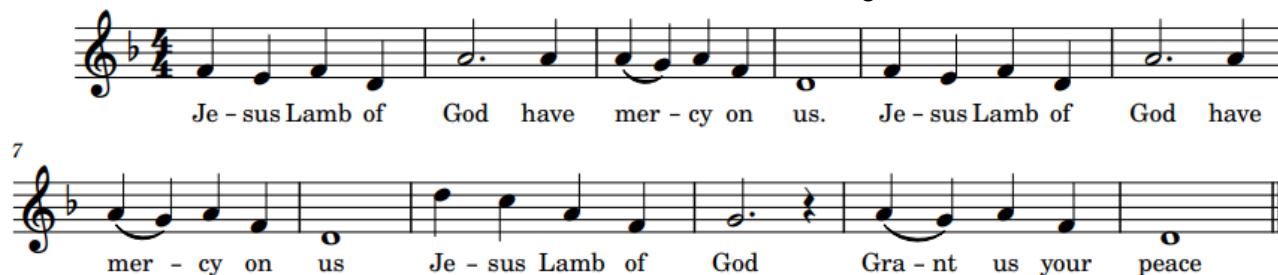
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God”

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



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. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest

Communion Music

“The Table”

1. I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table

3. There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

2. There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

4. I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table

Chorus:

Come all you weary come and find. His yoke is easy His burden is light.
He is able. He will restore. At the table of the Lord

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

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

May the Risen Lord make himself known to you and empower you to testify to his Resurrection in word and in deed. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymnal #473

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all
the world adore his sacred Name.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou
has promised, draw the world to thee. *(Refrain)*

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the
hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
(Refrain)

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to
the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on
the brow the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*

Words: George William Kitchin (1827 – 1912)
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875 – 1947)

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Assistants	May 3	May 10
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir	Choir, Handbell Choir
Ushers	David and Ellen Anderson	David Horn, <i>1 needed</i>
Lector	John Holbert	Barbara Sears
Acolyte	Beatrice Howe, Kaydence Harper	<i>1 needed</i>
Chalicians	John Holbert, Sandy White, Kim Tompkins, Helen Lang	Sandy White, Jill Horn <i>2 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Karen Lance	John Holbert
Audio Visual	Gabriel Hoff	Travis Collins

May Altar Guild: Karen Lance, Jenny Lui, Raymond Lui, Sandy White

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Anne Arena.

Attendance: April 26

8:00 am - 39 10:15 am In-person - 63 YouTube - 6 Facebook - 3 Total: 111

Readings for Next Sunday: The Sixth Sunday of Easter - A

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21