

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025 10:15 a.m.



*I am the Alpha
and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.*

Revelation Ch. 21

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** “I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord” Hymnal #304

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren Music: *Land of Rest*

✠ The Opening Acclamation

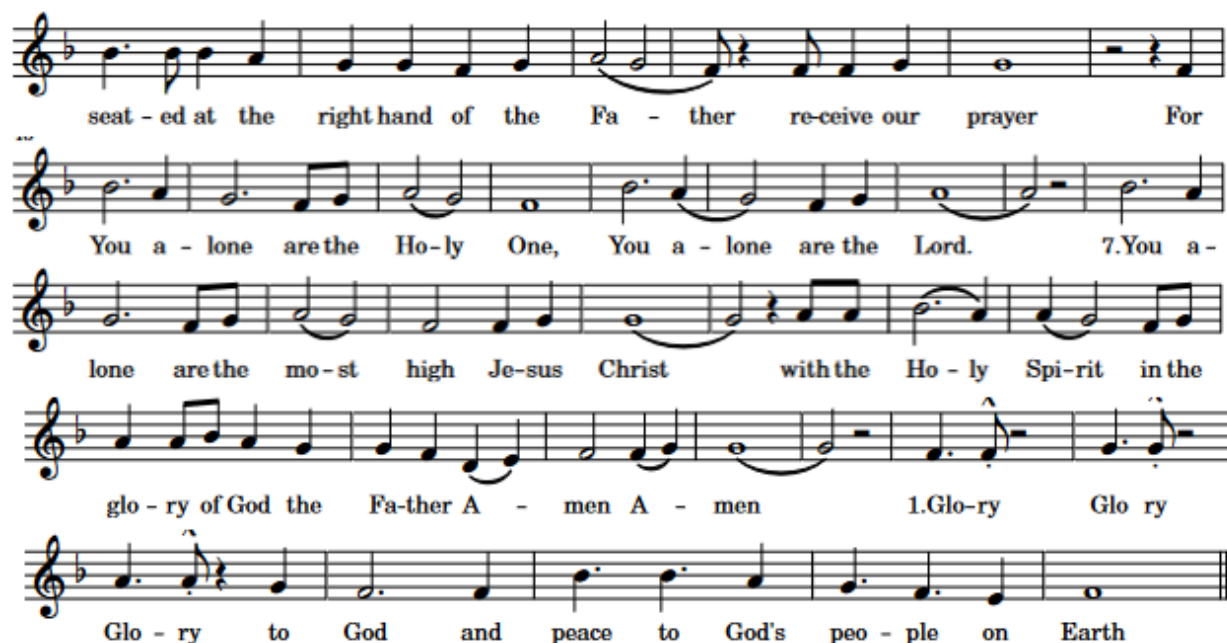
Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

✠ Hymn of Praise

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes the following lyrics: 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



✠ The Collect

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 11:1-18

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

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

Psalm 148

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!

The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

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."

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

Children's Chapel

Children ages 3 – 8 and their Leaders exit to "Children's Chapel," returning at the Peace.

✠ Sequence Song

"Glorify Your Name"

by Donna Adkins

1. Father, we love you, we praise
you we adore you. Glorify your
Name in all the earth.
Glorify your Name. Glorify your
Name. Glorify your Name in all
the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you, we praise
you we adore you. Glorify your
Name in all the earth.
Glorify your Name. Glorify your
Name. Glorify your Name in all
the earth.

3. Spirit, we love you, we praise
you we adore you. Glorify your
Name in all the earth.
Glorify your Name. Glorify your
Name. Glorify your Name in all
the earth.

✠ The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

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."

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

The Sermon

✠ 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

On this joyful day, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church of Christ throughout the world, all the baptized, the clergy, and the bishops, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

For our nation and its leaders, for peace among nations that a spirit of respect and forbearance grows among all people, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For peace in Holy Land, and all countries devastated by war, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, for Jenny, Jacques, Debbie, Jackie, Scott, Matt, Rich, Mary M., Megan, Tony, Mary S., Kathy, Kevin, John, Calvin H., and those in our prayer list, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For Raphael, Dominic, Alex, JoAnne, Debbie, Roger and Donna, Kevin and Jennie, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For those who are oppressed or persecuted, for all the victims of violence, and all who suffer or are in danger, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For all the departed, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

For the needs of all gathered in this church today, trusting in God's resurrecting power, let us pray; for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.



Offertory

"Ubi Caritas"

J. Berthier

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

✠ Presentation Hymn

"The Doxology"

Praise God from whom all bles-sing flow; Praise him all crea-tures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly 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: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan William, 1906.

✠ The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

from Enriching Our Worship

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-Holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

✠ 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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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



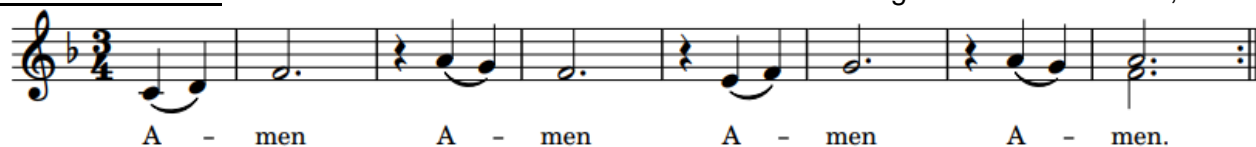
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

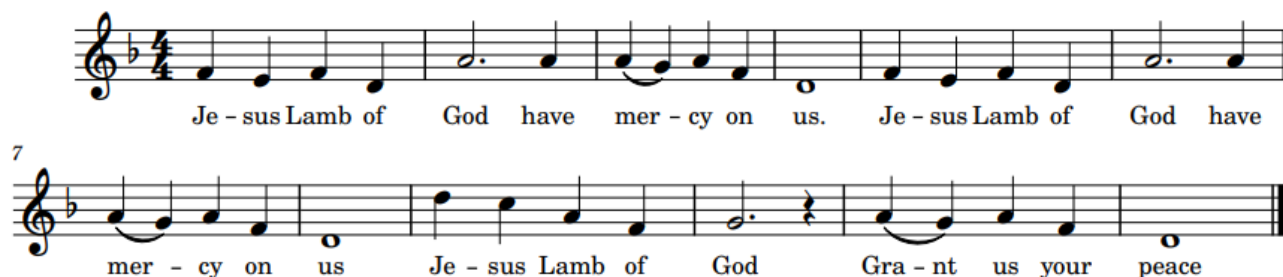
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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 (repeat)

I know He has a place for me
Oh what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God
Chorus

Chorus:

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

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

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

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

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✠ 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.

✠ Blessing for Easter Season:

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.**

✠ Recessional Song

“Your Grace Is Enough”

1. Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

2. Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus:

(So) remember Your people, Remember Your children. Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me

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✠ The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Worship Assistants	May 18	May 25
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Praise Ensemble	Adult Ensemble
Ushers	Emelia Howe, Beatrice Howe	David Horn, Beatrice Howe
Acolyte	Kat Dittrich	Ellen Anderson
Lector	John Holbert	Jim Fariss
Chalicians	John Holbert, Jim Fariss <i>2 needed</i>	John Holbert, Kat Dittrich, Jill Horn, Bobbie Gooding
Worship Slides	Bobbie Gooding	Jeanne Cox
Audio Visual	Gabriel Hoff	Nick Hoff

May Altar Guild: Team 4

Kim Tompkins Charlie Aler Beverly Baker Jenny Beeker Helen Lang

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Buck Lyon-Vaiden, in loving memory of his mother, Evelyn K. Lyon-Vaiden.

Attendance May 11

8:00 am - 50 10:15 am In-person - 89 YouTube - 3 Facebook - 2 Total: 144

Readings for Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday of Easter - C

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29