



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST & RITE 13

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Song Without Words, Op. 102, No. 3 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Theodore Allen-Schack, piano

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

People of God, gather together

Earth and All Stars

Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - ge - ther, come, let us
 Hear - ing God's word, heed - ing the mes - sage, come and re -
 Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us
 Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the
 sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad
 joyce as we an - swer the call. With one ac - cord,
 share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts,
 cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain
 praise to the Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.
 made in God's im - age, come in com - mu - ni - ty, wel - com - ing all.
 heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
 thanks ne - ver end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.
 Come let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,
 prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

—Text: Patricia B. Clark (1938–2009)

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

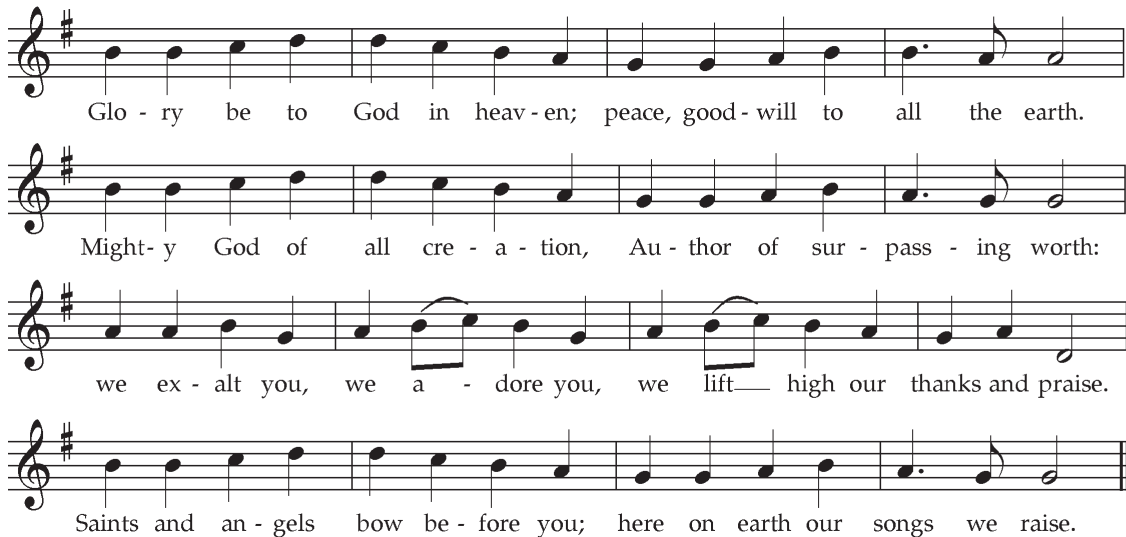
Opening Sentences

Blessed be the God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. —1 Peter 1:3-4

Song of Praise *sung by all*

Glory be to God in heaven

Hymn to Joy



Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Au - thor of sur - pass - ing worth:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift — high our thanks and praise.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

—Text: Martin A. Seltz (b. 1951)

Collect of the Day

God 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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

Antiphon: Leon Roberts (1950-1999)

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated in the text.

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek you shall praise you: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before you. *Antiphon*
 For yours is the royal power, O God; *
 you rule over the nations.
 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before you. *Antiphon*
 My soul shall live for you;
 my descendants shall serve you; *
 they shall be known as yours for ever.
 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that you have done. *Antiphon*

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

Traditional Caribbean

Hal-le hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.
 Hal-le ha-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah.

The Gospel John 15:1-8

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Storytime

Children ages 3–10 are invited to the Music Room after the Gospel for a Bible story, prayers, and music, returning for Rite 13.

Sermon Father Mitchell Felton

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

RITE 13

The People are seated. The Presider invites the Rite 13 Leader and Honorees to stand.

Leader We present to you today Abby, Addy, Andreas, Austin, Beatrice, Bella, Benjamin, Christian, Costas, Elliott, Gabriel, Gwen, Jamie, Maddie, Nora, Rhys, Sam, Siena, and Sophia, who are holy and wonderful and blessed. On this day they begin the journey from childhood to adulthood.

Presider Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to adolescence marks one of God's greatest gifts. Today we celebrate this gift with these young people.

The Presider addresses the honorees.

Abby, Addy, Andreas, Austin, Beatrice, Bella, Benjamin, Christian, Costas, Elliott, Gabriel, Gwen, Jamie, Maddie, Nora, Rhys, Sam, Siena, and Sophia: By the grace of God, you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood and have grown strong. Now it is given to you to share in God's power of creation. Human beings are made in God's image and we are the only creatures on earth that can choose how to use our creative power—to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gifts to you and the responsibility to use them wisely?

Honorees I am.

Honorees turn and face the congregation. The Presider says

In joy and faithfulness, let us join with these young people in prayer as we respond, "The old has passed away, the new has come."

Honorees Holy God, you created the world and all that dwells in it. You turned chaos into order. In your love, you created us in your image, and called us very good.

People **The old has passed away, the new has come.**

Honorees Mighty God, you breathed life into Adam and breathed your Holy Spirit onto the disciples. Breathe your life-giving Spirit over us as we enter a different phase of our lives.

People **The old has passed away, the new has come.**

Honorees Loving God, we are called to live in community, for you said, "It is not right to be alone." Deliver us from isolation and surround us with a supportive church family.

People **The old has passed away, the new has come.**

Honorees Merciful God, you know that we are sinners. Call us out of our sin and shame and meet us with grace and compassion.

People **The old has passed away, the new has come.**

Honorees Grant, O God, that your glory may shine forth in us, so all may see your goodness this day, and for evermore.

People **The old has passed away, the new has come.**

Prayer for the Parents

The Presider invites the Parents to stand and face their honorees.

Presider When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple talking with the elders, they realized that Jesus was no longer a child. We rejoice with Susan and Jimmy, Jen and Tom, Kristen and James, Marjorie and Chris, Lisa and Ben, Kim and Annette, Patricia and Randy, Karl and Meredith, Charles and Alecia, Mark and Kesha, Arturo and Judith, Alix and Catherine, Christina and Douglas, Elizabeth and Chris, Jessica and Andrew, Nick and Heather, Courtney and Saul, Autumn and John, and Stacy and Scott today as we recognize their children as young people. Together let us pray for them:

People **God of mercy and love, enfold these parents with your grace. Increase in them a spirit of wisdom and understanding. Teach them to listen with a spirit of love, patience, and gentleness. Strengthen and uphold them as they comfort their children, remembering they can neither walk the journey for them, nor shield them from pain. Carry them safely through this journey so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends. Amen.**

Parents' Thanksgiving for Honorees

Parents I thank God for the gift of you in our family. I want to encourage you to develop empathy and an understanding of others; to teach you to be kind by being kind. I want you to be happy and hopeful for the future. Work hard to maintain the strength of your convictions and persevere, but know that it's okay to fail. Embrace your failures, learn from your mistakes, and learn to forgive yourself, knowing that I will always forgive you. The world is big. Put the phone down once in a while and learn to look beyond yourself and give back to others by serving. I will work to always listen and learn from you. I hope you always feel my love and support and that I'm proud of you. You are holy and wonderful and blessed, and I will not look away from you.

Honorees' Thanksgiving for Their Parents

Honorees We thank God for you and know we wouldn't be here without you. Thank you for not just giving us food and shelter, but for working hard to provide for us. We know you often put your own lives on hold for us and make sacrifices daily on our behalf. Thank you for being supportive and helping us through hard times, and for at least trying to be understanding. Though it can be hard to get around your lectures, we are grateful for how you teach us about life and prepare us for the future. Continue to challenge us with high expectations. Allow us to help you move from being overprotective of us as we mature and prove more trustworthy. Even though you sometimes embarrass us, we know that you're kind and that you really love us.

Charge to the Youth

The Presider addresses the youth and invites them to stand.

Presider Dear friends: As these young people move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you be there for them, knowing that there may be times when your love and support means more than any other?

Youth We will, with God's help. We will offer you friendship, love, and support in the ways we are able. You are holy and wonderful and blessed, and we will not look away from you.

Charge to the Congregation

Please stand as you are able. The Presider addresses the congregation.

Presider As the living body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of faith, which spans the generations, share your knowledge, experience, and love with these young people as they begin their journey to adulthood?

People **We will, with God's help. We recognize that you are becoming young people, and we will love and support you on your journey to adulthood. You are holy and wonderful and blessed, and we will not look away from you.**

Blessing

Honorees turn and face the altar. The Parents move to stand behind their honoree.

Presider Abby, Addy, Andreas, Austin, Beatrice, Bella, Benjamin, Christian, Costas, Elliott, Gabriel, Gwen, Jamie, Maddie, Nora, Rhys, Sam, Siena, and Sophia: You have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the gift of creative power that comes with maturity. Now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

The Honorees kneel. Their Parents place a hand on their shoulder while the Presider offers the following prayer. During the prayer the Presider and Assisting Priests lay hands on the head of each honoree.

May Almighty God guard your body, save your soul, and bring you into everlasting life. And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer rest upon you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." They were glad when they saw the Lord. —*John 20:19-20*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me *Adoro Te Devote*, 17th cent. French
The Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs arr. Mary Kay Parrish (b. 1940)

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be.
Help me now thy grace to see: I would be like thee.
And with words that help and heal, thy life in mine reveal.
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be.
Help me now thy truth to see: I would be like thee.
And with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear.
And with actions kind and true, speak Christ's eternity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be.
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee.
Separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good.
And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

—Text: Thomas T. Lynch (1818–1871)

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received. Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all, and sin reigns for a time. New life without end comes through Christ, and he reigns for ever. Alleluia. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to praise you for ever with angels and archangels. And so we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner (1936–2013)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of power — and
might, — heaven and earth — are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in — the high - est. Bless - ed is — the one who comes —
in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in — the
high - est. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

God, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that Jesus was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke 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."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Praise to you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
O Christ, come in glory.**

Almighty God, calling to mind Christ's death on the cross, a perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Columba, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Savior; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)

The People sing the refrain with the Choir and where indicated in the text.



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord_ Je - sus_____ in the break - ing_____ of the bread.

The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. *Refrain*

One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Refrain*

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for Healing

The Healing Rite is offered in St. Aiden's Chapel during Communion at the 9 and 11:15 am liturgies on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Prayers for yourself or another are welcome. Enter the chapel through the door under the balcony to the right of the altar, or visit the station at the back of the nave.

Anthem

Awake and sing the song

Justus Parrotta (b. 1988)

The Gallery Choir

Awake and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb;
wake every heart and every tongue to praise the Savior's name.

Sing of his dying love, his resurrection power;
sing how he intercedes above for those whose sins he bore.

You pilgrims on the road to Zion's city sing,
rejoicing in the Lamb of God, to Christ the eternal King.

Soon shall your raptured tongue his endless praise proclaim,
and sing in sweeter notes of song of Moses and the Lamb.

—Text: William Hammond (1719–1783)

Hymn WLP 812

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Here I Am

*This hymn is in **Wonder, Love, and Praise**, the green hymnal supplement found in your pew rack.*

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Presider As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

The People respond Amen.

Hymn 529

In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

Dismissal

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Hymn to Joy

setting by Kristina Langlois (b. 1956)

Liturgical Note

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Easter is a season of 50 days of rejoicing. Our worship in this season gives glory to God for the resurrection of Christ. We light the paschal candle and use white and gold vestments as symbols of our celebration.

Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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