

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 18, 2025

## The Word of God

### Opening Hymn

*No. 398*

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: Forest Green, Ralph Vaughn Williams

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*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The following is said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of  
God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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 First Lesson**

**Acts 11:1-18**

A Reading from the Book 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.”

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	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 Second Lesson

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; 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."

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

No. 374

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus";  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "for he was slain for us."

Jesus is worthy to receive honor and power divine;  
may blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.

The whole creation joins in one, to bless the sacred Name  
of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: *Nun Danket All Und Bringet Ehr*, Johann Crüger

## The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Martin Gutwein

## 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**

*All remain standing.*

Sisters and brothers, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray. "Loving God, make all things new."

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Loving God

People: Make all things new.

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven.

Loving God

People: Make all things new.

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from around us. May our voices join the song of creation.

Loving God

People: Make all things new.

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred.

Loving God

People: Make all things new.

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people.

Loving God

People: Make all things new.

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life.

Loving God

People: Make all things new.

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. A period of silence is observed. Celebrant and People together say*

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 Priest stands and says*

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.

*All stand.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And also with you.

## **Announcements**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love let earth rejoice  
Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love, and Love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:  
With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love, and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,  
God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love forever o'er the universe must reign.

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## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;.

*The Celebrant continues*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. AMEN

*The Celebrant then continues*

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 the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

## **Agnus Dei**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

## Communion Hymn

No. 304

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

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

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.

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

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 Wren

Music: *Land of Rest*, adapt & harm Annabel Morris Buchanan

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People together say*

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Festal Easter Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

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.

## Closing Hymn

**Hymnal 213**

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise  
and rejoice in the day thou wast born; on this festival day,  
come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,  
by our heavenly Father bestowed, while his grace we receive  
from his bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.

For the glory we were first created to share,  
both the nature and kingdom divine! Now created again  
that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love  
which hath joined us to Jesus' Name; so united in heart,  
let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King,  
and his rapturous praises, repeat: to the Lamb that was slain,  
hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: *Middlebury*, harm. Jack W. Burnam. and arr. Marilyn Keiser  
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## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

## Notes and Announcements

### May 18, 2025

#### PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for Members and Ministry of the Planned Giving Committee...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for the Mayfair Committee ...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week Jeffrey Danielewicz 05/22; Jonathan Danielewicz 05/22...

For Our sons and daughters in the military for Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Joseph, Julia, Olivia, Lisa, Amanda, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, Margie, David R., Bill, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Carol, Michael, Douglas, Lois M., Christine, Al, Barbara, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Michael, Patty, Marissa, Judy.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME** The Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

#### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 18 – Yarn Lovers will meet during or after Coffee Hour
- Sunday, May 18 – Sunday School & Youth Fellowship, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 23 – Strawberry Preparation, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 24 – Collingswood May Fair

#### And Next Month...

- Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost Sunday
- Sunday, June 15 – Trinity Sunday
- Saturday, June 28 – Collingswood House & Garden Tour



**COLLINGSWOOD MAY FAIR IS COMING SOON!!** - The crowds will be back on Haddon Avenue and we're going to need as many hands on deck as possible on **Saturday, May 24** to help with the May Fair strawberries and ice cream sale and the yard sale. This is one of our biggest fundraising and outreach events of 2025!

**Your help is needed!** Please add your name to the signup sheet in the back or contact Carol Staszewski (856-207-9221) to let us know what time you're available to volunteer! The event schedule looks like this:

Fri. 5/23: 7:00 PM – Strawberry slicing & dicing

Sat. 5/24: 9 AM – Set up, cashiers, greeters, etc.

11 AM – to 2 PM – Scooping ice cream & strawberries

3:00 PM – Clean up

**Thank you for volunteering!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** – Meets the first and third Sundays of each month from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for a children’s chapel service, followed by snacks and age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through middle school. Check the Sunday bulletin each week for updates.

***ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS*** will now be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491. **We will meet the third Sunday (May 18<sup>th</sup>) this month because of Mother’s Day being on the Second Sunday.**

***UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM*** – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

***ONLINE GIVING*** – To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission.



***2025 ALTAR FLOWER CHART*** – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you’d like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$45.00.