



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 3, 2026, 9:00AM

#### **Christ Church Episcopal**

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*Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.*



Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *read responsively by whole verse*

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.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter (2:2-10)

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.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Tune: *The Call*

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (14:1-14)

*People:* **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."

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Sue Lederhouse

The Nicene Creed *all standing, as you are able*

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**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 – Form III

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*The Intercessor and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of you Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of North India (United). In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for churches of the Charles River Deanery: Trinity Parish of Newton Center; Newton Centre Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban; St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley; and Allston Abbey, Boston.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for George Arsenault, Chris Axner, Deborah Aylesworth, Michael Bassett, Sam Bennett, Ann Brown, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Sam Cohen, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Laura DeCaprio, Wendy Fournier, Amelia Goodfield, Betty Hadfield, Shelley Hamm, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Donna Jacobs, Randy Joiner, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, Paul Madonna, Cliff Manchester, Stephen Mazzur, Marc Pleva, Ron Ruggiero, Kimberly Schoener, Stephen Shuart, Lyle Sullivan, Kathleen Vogt, Dianne Wade, and Debby Waugh; and for those we name now, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

*Silence*

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

*The Presider adds the concluding Collect*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### The Peace

Presider: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

### Offertory Anthem

### Day by Day

Thomas Keesecker

### Hymnal 188

### Love's redeeming work is done

Tune: *Savannah*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Savannah, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer “B”

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Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **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:

Hymnal S-125

*Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

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,

**We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

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 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So come if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at His table. These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

*Please follow the Usher's guidance to come forward and either kneel or stand at the altar rail, as you are able.*

*First, the priest will place the wafer/bread (gluten-free on request) in your outstretched hand. The Eucharistic Minister will then offer you the cup (containing wine), from which you are invited to sip. If you prefer, you may carefully intinct (dip) the wafer in the cup. If you are unable or prefer not to receive from the cup, simply cross your arms over your chest and the Eucharistic Minister will say the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" in front of you. Please be assured that no matter how you receive – bread and wine, bread or wine only, or spiritually, you will receive the full grace of the Sacrament. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament today, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a Blessing in the name of the One God.*

Hymnal 653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Tune: *Repton*

Post-communion Prayer *in unison*

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**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 Easter Blessing

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.**

Announcements

Hymnal 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Tune: *Foundation*

The Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

Postlude on Two American Folk Hymns

Charles Callahan

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given in memory of  
Cherry Short-Lee and Lynn Brown by Kam Anderson.*

### Thank you to those serving today

Bob Lawton, lector/intercessor; Sandy Allard, Meg Pappas, greeters/ushers  
Bill Walsman, Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Betty Ann Waldo and Deb Schwabe, coffee fellowship; Jean Bertrand, flower delivery  
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

### Those serving on May 10

Mary Ellen Eichmann, lector/intercessor; Sandy Allard, Meg Pappas, greeters/ushers  
Karen Butler, Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Jennifer and Bill Lutz, coffee fellowship; Deborah Aylesworth (or sub), flower delivery  
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

### News & Noteworthy

#### **Dates of Note**

- Tuesday, May 5, 4:15pm -- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning meeting. On the agenda: Lobster roll lunch, 100 Acts of Kindness, stained glass windows event, spaghetti dinner/history event, time capsule... All are welcome!!

#### **Ongoing**

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm – Book Lovers’ Gathering; the current book is a biography of Eleanor Roosevelt by David Michaelis
- Thursdays, 5:00pm -- choir rehearsals

**Office Hours** -- Week of May 3 – Tuesday–**Thursday**, 10:00–2:00pm; closed **Friday**

#### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Time Capsule -- Please continue adding items you would like to have placed in the time capsule!

100 Acts – Please continue to note your acts of kindness on a tag and hang them on the branches of our “tree.” Our goal is 100 acts of kindness. Examples: helping a friend, giving a ride to someone in need, donations to Family Pantry, etc.

**We are assessing interest in adding current parishioners to our “handprint hallway”! If you’re interested in adding your handprints to the hall, please add your name to the sign-up sheet so we know whether there is enough interest to make this idea happen.**

**Noah's Ark Thrift Shop** -- We have put out spring/summer clothing! Please remember us for donations when you are getting your spring/summer clothes out -- we can use them now! We are in need of one volunteer to work in the shop on Friday, May 8, and one on Saturday, May 9. Can you help? Let Lisa B or the lovely trio below know.

--Dottie, Betty Ann and Meg

#### **Building Use – Outside Groups**

- Tuesday, May 19, 6:00pm – Scouts
- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting

# LITTLE FEET PAJAMA DRIVE

🧸 *Helping little feet stay warm at night* 🧸

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are collecting **NEW children's pajamas** to support families served by the **Monomoy Early Childhood Family Resource Center**.

## ☀️ BE PART OF OUR 100 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Help us celebrate our 100th anniversary by making a meaningful difference in the lives of local children.

## 🎁 WHAT TO DONATE

- New pajamas (Newborn through Kindergarten or size 5/6)

## 📅 DONATION DATES

May 3 – May 24 (deposit in the "Pack 'n Play" crib)

## 💙 WHY "LITTLE FEET"? 💙

Because even the smallest acts of kindness leave lasting footprints. 🦶 Your gift brings **comfort, warmth, and dignity to** a child in need.

💤 **GIVE COMFORT. SHARE KINDNESS.**



🦶 **ONE PAIR OF PAJAMAS AT A TIME** 🦶

