

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love**

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 3, 2026 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** Two variations on the chorale *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn #518** *Christ is made the sure foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Presider* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**The First Lesson:** Acts 7:55-60

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*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 31** *In te, Domine, speravi*

*Tone VII.3*



1 *In* *yöu*, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me *néver* be *pút* to shame; \*  
deliver *mé* in your *ríghteousness*.

2 *Inclíne* your *éar* to me; \*  
make *háste* to *delíver* me.



- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crág and my stróngthold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, léad me and gúide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have sécretly sét for me, \*  
for yóu are my tówer of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I comménd my spírit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LÓRD, O GóD of truth.
- 15 My tímes are ín your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who pérsecúte me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upón your sérvant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness sáve me.”

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

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

**Sequence Hymn #487** *Come, my way, my Truth, my Life*

THE CALL

*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.  
Verses 3 will be sung after the reading.*

**The Gospel:** John 14:1-14

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*Presider* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rector

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism**

*The Presider says* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The parents and Godparents stand and present the candidate as the people remain seated.*

**We present James Edward Longacre to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*The Presider asks the parents and sponsors the following questions:*

*Presider* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Sponsors* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Sponsors* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents and Sponsors* **I renounce them.**

*Presider* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents, and Sponsors* **I renounce them.**

*Presider* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents and Sponsors* **I renounce them.**

*Presider* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Parents and Sponsors* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents and Sponsors* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents and Sponsors* **I do**

*The congregation stands and the Presider addresses them.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*All respond* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Preside* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

*The Presider blesses the water.*

### **The Baptism**

*The Candidate is presented to the Presider, who then baptizes with these words:*

*Presider* I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen!**

*The newly baptized is marked with the sign of the cross with Chrism, with these words:*

*Priest* You are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*People* **Amen!**

*The Presider prays over the newly baptized, and then presents a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*All then join in praying the St. John's Baptismal Prayer.*

### **St. John's Baptismal Prayer**

*People* **Bless we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, the parents of this child, and give to them and to all in whose charge he may be the spirit of wisdom and love: that his home may be to him an image of thy kingdom, and the care of his parents a likeness of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Presider* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.*

## Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

**Offertory Hymn #525** *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord*

AURELIA



*During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.*

*Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* 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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words*

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### The Sanctus Hymnal S-125

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 Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,**

**we give thanks to you,**

**and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Presider* 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.**

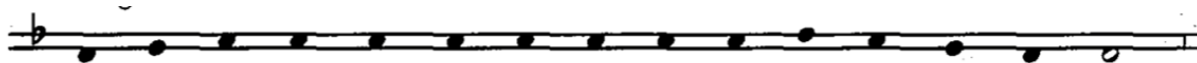
**For thine is the kingdom**

**and the power and the glory,**

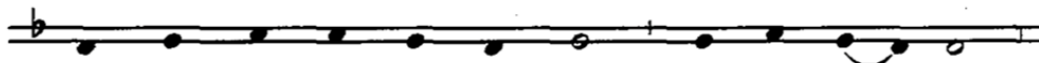
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available from the common cup or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.*

**Communion Anthem** *Brother James' Air*

J.L. Macbeth Bain (1840-1925)

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving 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.**

## **The Easter Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #703** *Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace*

SONG 22

## **The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Postlude** *Voluntary in F*

John Blow (1649-1708)

*The flowers on the altar this week were arranged by Joanne Graziano*

### **Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Shannon Fry, Vestry Person of the Day

Louis Tompros and Alice Krapf, Readers

John Quinn, Intercessor

Jane Struss, Chalice

Paul Newell and Matt Hast, Ushers

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Barbara Bush, Jen DiManno and Alice Krapf, Coffee Hour Hosts

**Today we welcome** James Edward Longacre IV to the household of God! Jack is the young son of Julia and Jay Longacre.

**The 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal is underway.** Copies of Bp. Julia's appeal letter and donation envelopes can be found throughout the church and at coffee hour. Please consider supporting the growth of our shared ministry as we work together to "raise up faithful shepherds and vibrant congregations for generations to come."

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