



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 2026
Father Trevor R. Babb +, Celebrant
8:30 and 10:30 Services

Alleluia He is Risen Alleluia!



The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1982 Hymnal #525 "The Church's one foundation"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

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 S278: "Glory to God"

***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 celebrant then continues.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

People: The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (10:30 Chanted, led by Choir)

In te, Domine, speravi

- 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.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #536 “Open your ears, O faithful people”

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14: 1-14

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

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

Sermon

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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

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

Silence

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops Sean, Sam and Jennifer and all ministers of God’s Word and Sacraments, especially Daisy, Trevor and Linda that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord’s coming:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the nations for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labor in the cause of human liberation and fulfillment:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence may kept.

ALL: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 ABSOLUTION

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN: 1982 HYMNAL #490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

DOXOLOGY, verse 3 #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia!

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant proceeds:

All thanks and praise

are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving
God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world

and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to
humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,

all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the
morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings
and all creation

as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS S128 : “Holy, holy, holy”,

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.

Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent;

you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,

to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,

brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this,
all of you:

this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you
and for all

for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:

the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for
Christ's coming in glory,

and presenting to you these gifts

your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people
of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the
fullness of time gather us

with blessed St Mark and all your people into the joy of our true
eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending
praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

Celebrant: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia***

FRACTION ANTHEM S170: “Whoever Eats this Bread”,

***Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives
life to the world.
Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread
which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.***

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

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.

At the Communion

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*
- *All are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available. Indicate by crossing fingers.*

COMMUNION HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #517 “How lovely is thy dwelling-place” & #182 “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.***

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #518 “Christ is made the sure foundation”

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

The flowers on the altar are given In Thanksgiving for our St Marks Family by the Flower Guild

St. Mark’s Prayer List

We lift up the following in heartfelt prayer:

Marion Johannsson, Mary Zacharias, Beth Hunt, Marsha Phillips, Saunders Black, Martha Ann Springer, Michael Marecheau, Paul and Michelle Cravetz, Angela Worme, Maureen Pollard, Canon Franklin Morales & family, Brady McKay, Mary Walton, Kim Summerrow, John Osborne, Ildo Colon, Rev Daisy and Ramon Colon, Mark Taylor, Blanche Webb, Judith Hahn, April Cook, and Marc Bowen

***For repose of the soul of Sandy Hunt
For repose of the soul of Margaret Mondlak
For repose of the soul of James Wooley***

We continue to pray for the success and growth of the following ministries La Escuelita San Marcos, Ranson Middle School, and Flyin’ Lion Ministries.

We pray for those in our parish celebrating happy events: Rick Cardenas, Nate Heggen, and Ava Pope.

Announcements May 3, 2026

Ushers needed

Ushers needed for both 8:30am and 10:30am services. Please contact Scott McWhorter at 704-467-9355 or by email: cmcwhorter@aol.com. Training is available for those interested in serving

Letters to Teachers at Ranson

The Outreach Committee will be writing thank you notes to the staff and teachers at Ranson Middle School. We would like to include \$10 gift cards with each notes, as we have done in the past. If you would like to contribute, please give your donation to me or leave it with Marcia in the church office.

We need your donation by June 1st. Thank you!"

Lynnda Jordan

W.I.N.E.

(Women in Need of Entertainment)

May 18, 2026 6:30 pm, Hosted by Laura Fahey at her home at
4715 Crownvista Dr Charlotte, NC 28269 ,
bring food and or wine to share.

this event is open to all the women of our church

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, May 26th

6:30 pm in Founders Hall

“Offering of Letters”

Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of our hungry neighbors? Join us for this Bread for the World letter writing event! We will gather to craft letters to government leaders on behalf of those struggling with hunger and food insufficiency in the US and around the world. Materials and info will be provided.

2026 pledge Form

Capital Campaign



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