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The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Hymn 518: Christ is made the sure foundation*

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

BCP 299

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

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

The Collect

BCP 303

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

³Be 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.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
**for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like 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. ⁶For 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.” ⁷To 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,” ⁸and “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. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: *Hymn 487: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

¹⁴“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus 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’? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe 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.

¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Sermon

Holy Baptism

Presentation & Examination of the Candidate

BCP 301

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate is presented by his Sponsors, as follows:

Sponsors

I present Alessio Francis Vargas to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question

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

Answer

I renounce them.

Question

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

Answer

I renounce them.

Question

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

Answer

I renounce them.

Question

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

Answer

I do.

Question

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

Answer

I do.

Question

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

Answer

I do.

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP 305

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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP 306

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water... [The Celebrant continues with the full prayer, BCP p. 306]

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

BCP 307

Celebrant: Alessio Francis Vargas, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Alessio Francis Vargas, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and 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.

All stand.

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

BCP 361

Offertory Anthem: *And the Father Will Dance (arr. Mark Hayes)*

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

The People remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus · S-129

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 stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent

Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People: AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Agnus Dei · S-163:

Celebrant and People

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: *Hymn 343: Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

**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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Hymn 195: Jesus lives! thy terrors now*

The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude



*The altar flowers are given in loving
memory of Dale Davenport and his mother,
June Davenport, by Sherry Davenport.*

Our thanks to our liturgical leaders:

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jerry Brown, Judy Hawthorn, Kurt Waldner, and Dan Donovan.*
Crucifer and Acolyte: *Henry Gaudion and Hayden Blizzard.* Ushers: *Bryan Woodward, Brian Fogarty, and Michael Blizzard.* Video Streaming: *Rick Steinmetz and Ambrose Smith.* Offering Counter: *Jack Seefeldt.*

Welcome to Mount Calvary! We invite you to fully participate in this Holy Eucharist. The ushers will direct you to the Holy Table for either reception of the Holy Communion or for a blessing. If you desire gluten free Bread, please let the Celebrant know and such will be provided. Restrooms are to your right as you exit the church. All are invited to fellowship hour in the lower hall after the 10am service; elevator and staircase are to your left as you exit.

Retiring: Steve has announced he is going to be retiring from his position as Music Director effective July 31. We're very thankful for his time serving us and look forward to his and our future. There is an active committee at work currently looking for his replacement. Please keep Steve, Lynn, and the Search Committee in your prayers.

5pm Saturday Service: The last Saturday service will be held at Mt. Calvary on **May 9.**

Confirmation Service: Come welcome our candidates at their confirmation service on Saturday, **May 9** at 5pm. Bishop Audrey will be presiding.

Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Please let Aaron know if you are interested in being a reader and/or Lay Eucharistic Minister at any of the services. You can let him know in person or e-mail him at aaron@mtcp.org.

Community Prayer for Peace: Join us on **May 12, 19, and 26** for Community Prayer for Peace. Mt. Calvary's sanctuary will be open from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for any who want to pray for peace in our world, nation, state, community, and families; pray for wisdom and discernment about our role in bringing about peace; repent of our own contributions to discord and disharmony; and pray for our enemies. The sanctuary is open to all (invite others!). Come for any portion of the time.

Central PA Food Bank: The next day for volunteering at the Food Bank is Tuesday, **May 12**, from 5-7pm. You must be 14 years or older. The link to sign up is: https://volunteer.centralpafoodbank.org/registrations/4mZOpJLnio/claim_spot

Christian Churches United will be hosting the 2026 United in Love Conference on Saturday, **May 16**, at Camp Hill United Methodist Church. This event seeks to deepen our embrace of our neighbors, educate ourselves in best practices, and dream of how we might embody the way of Jesus in our ever-changing world. Representatives from the Mt. Calvary Outreach Committee will be in attendance and we welcome anyone else to join us! Register at tinyurl.com/bdz2yyzk.

Christian Ed:

- **Youth Group:** Today from 11am-3pm. Youth Group will be helping to collect and clean the bikes that will be brought to Mount Calvary to donate to Recycle Bicycle. Please give whatever time you can between 11am and 3pm to this worthy outreach project. Pizza will be available.
- **Pizza Club:** Wednesday, **May 6**, 5-7pm.

Book Club: Will meet Sunday, **May 3**, after the 10am service to discuss *Proof of Heaven* by Eben Alexander, MD. Contact Linda Farrell for more information.

JOIN The Men's Breakfast Event! Saturday, **May 9**, from 8:30am to 9:30am. Rick Steinmetz and Dave Kaufman will be preparing a full breakfast. If you are attending and have any food allergies, please let me know. Come around 8am, settle in with your coffee and breakfast. Father Aaron Smith will lead our discussion on Frederick Buechner's book, *Secrets in the Dark*. He will cover chapters 10, "Faith," and 23, "Faith and Fiction." All men are welcome to this wonderful way to connect and share with one another! Join us and invite a guest! Questions call, or text Dean Wharton 717-329-1200.

MCP Women's Study Group: We are underway in our Women's Study Group, and we have been having meaningful and rich discussions with both laughter and tears! You might enjoy these wonderful gatherings, too! We invite you to join us! No commitment is necessary, just drop in and see what you think and how you feel! We meet at 6:45-8:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month downstairs in the Undercroft. Our next book

will be *A Tree Full of Angels* by Macrina Wiederkehr, which we will be discussing at our next meeting on **May 13**. We hope to see you! Questions? Please call Marcia Wharton, 717-728-6322.

Feed the Flock: Your opportunity to be a part of this effort – please sign up for a group cooking event or as a restocker. Signup sheet is in the narthex. A list of soup offerings is posted on the freezer in the undercroft; please help yourself. Please contact Cheri Fogarty, 717-557-6678, for more information.

Giving: Offerings can be put in the plate today or mailed. To give online, please visit <https://onrealm.org/MtCalvaryCampHill/giveow>. You can also use this QR code to contribute with your phone. Thank you for your generosity towards the mission of Mt Calvary.



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