

Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:00 A.M.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

HYMN # 384 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Vs 1,2,4&6 (Blue Book)

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!
May His grace and peace be with you
May He fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Savior. Amen.

Hymn # 679 Gloria
(Blue Book)

Collect
Risen Christ,
you prepare a place for us,
in the home of the Mother-and-Father of us all.
Draw us more deeply into yourself,
through scripture read,
water splashed,
bread broken,
wine poured,
so that when our hearts are troubled,
we may abide more completely in you,
the way, the truth, and the life. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60
Reader: Susan Himann
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

2nd Reading: Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
Reader: Susan Himann
In you, O GOD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
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.
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O GOD, O God of truth.
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
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GOSPEL HYMN # 526 God is Our Fortress and Our Rock *(Blue Book)*

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John
The Gospel Reading: John 14: 1-14
Reader: The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk*

The Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds *(Blue Book)*

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer (Sung)
May God be with you
and also with you.
lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the holy one.
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Redeemer of the lost
… singing our Easter joy to you.

Sanctus:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy are you, God of every day,
... to everyone we meet:

Acclamation:
Dying you destroyed our death;
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant: And when morning comes,…
... for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 81 Love Us into Fullness *(Red Book)*

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 551 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
(Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN: All For Jesus *(See Insert)*

The Dismissal

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AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

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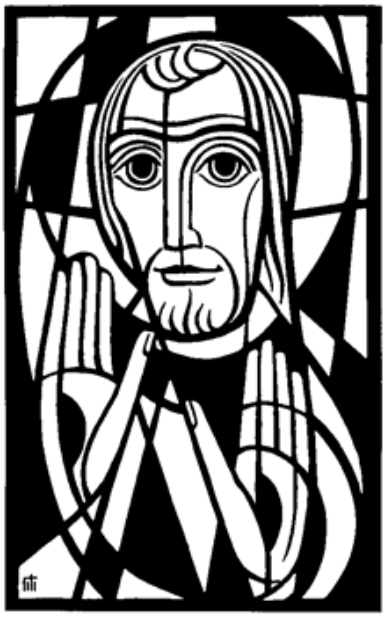

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