

Sunday, May 18, 2025 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

HYMN # 403 Let All Things Now Living
(*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.

Collect
Creator of the universe,
you made the world in beauty,
and restore all things in glory
through the victory of Jesus Christ.
We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice,
love, and peace, to the glory of your name. **Amen**

1st Reading: Acts 11: 1-18
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6
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PSALM HYMN: Heart With Loving Heart United
(See Insert)

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 13: 31-35
Reader: The Rev. Adam Bedford
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Adam Bedford*

The Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant *(Blue Book)*

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The God of every morning be with you
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them to the one who has raised Jesus from the grave.
Celebrant: People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.
People: We sing our hallelujahs to the God of everlasting love.

Celebrant: All thanks and praise…
…….sing for joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord #719 *(Blue Book)*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours,
… we acclaim you, O Christ.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
. . . in voices of unending praise.

Amen, amen, amen

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

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

Chant # 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor
(Blue Book)

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 340 Praise, I will Praise You Lord
(Red 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 # 505 Be Thou My Vision
(Blue Book)

The Dismissal

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