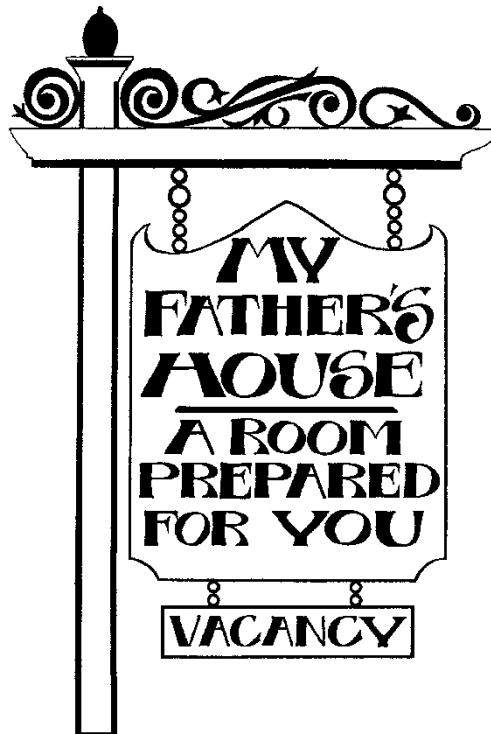


The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



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The Word of God

The Prelude

Festive Joy

Simon Clark

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 525 The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The 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.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the Book of 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.



Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 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 de- / **live 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**.
- (repeat second half of chant)*
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / **servant**, *
and in your loving-kindness / **save me**.

A reading from the First Letter of 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.**

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn WLP 753 When from bondage we are summoned (Green Hymnal)

Grid

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

John 14:1-14

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.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and your truth.
May we walk in newness of life.

Teach us to love others in the power of your Spirit.
May we walk in newness of life.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our sister parishes across eastern Massachusetts, including today: Trinity Parish of Newton Center; Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban; St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley; and the Allston Abbey, Boston.
Enliven the Church for its mission **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

We pray for the world: remembering especially those regions of the world torn apart by war or civil unrest, including Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Nigeria, Venezuela, Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti and our own nation. We pray for those in every land who suffer for the sake of conscience. We remember those suffering from unemployment, fears, dislocation or deportation. Good shepherd, lead us and all people into ways of justice, safety and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

We give you thanks for the gift of this fragile earth. For soil and sunlight and wind and water. For all that grows and lives. We repent of our misuse of your miracle. Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it and strengthen in us the capacity to preserve and protect.
Teach us to care creatively for your resources.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Sally Drew, Joanne Gamble, Bill and Judy Gardiner, Joan Kirkby, Andrew Payne, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Matthew, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, John, Lauren, Linnea, and Pat. We remember all we name before you now. (Pause). God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

We remember those who have died, especially those we name before you now. (Pause). We remember also with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Into your hands we commend them.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries. (Pause). Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and your truth.
May we walk in newness of life.

The Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you;"
Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that
heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.
Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Resurrection Dance

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Give ear, give ear, good Christians all, our song is worth a hearing;
We tell how grief has ended woe and fear has finished fearing.
The pain that lasted for a day has brought eternal cheering.
*Was ever battle won like this, where he that lost was gaining,
and he that fell was triumphing, and he that died was reigning,
and he that held the reed of scorn a sceptre was obtaining?*
The winner then had such a fall as crushed him down forever.
The wise was taken in his craft, the strong in his endeavor,
and he, the slain, was victor still, and he that slew him never!
*Give ear, give ear, good Christians all, the riddle is expounded
from north to south, from east to west its meaning shall be sounded.
On Easter Day was won the fight and life has death confounded.*

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Hymn 210 Now let the heavens be joyful

Ellacombe

Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin, the
round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in; Let
all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend, for
Christ the Lord is ris - sen, our joy that hath no end.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Christ; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-127 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hampton

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Christ. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **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

Christ our Passover (S-155)

Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available;
please make your needs known to the person serving you.*

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

Hymn 51 We the Lord's people

Decatur Place

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Blessing

May the God who raises Jesus to new life, raise us up to good works and new faith. **Amen.**

May the God who raises us up, send us out to be holy people in the world. **Amen.**

May the God who sends us out, gather us again at a table in that kingdom which is both now and forever. **Amen.**

And, may the God of all grace, who creates, redeems and sanctifies all things, bless, preserve and keep you both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 195 Jesus lives!

Monsley

The Dismissal

Deacon



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Postlude

Resurrection Dance

Malcolm Archer

Celebrant

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Preacher

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

Minister of Music

Joan Kirchner

Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Sasso, Brian Ridgeway

Readers

Jean Collins, Doug Fromm, John Harter

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