

Sunday, May 3, 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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9:30am Worship Service

PRELUDE

When We All Get to Heaven

*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. Jn. 14:2
Then we... shall be caught up together... to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Th. 4:17*

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je-sus, Sing His mer-cy and His grace;
2. While we walk the pil-grim path-way, Clouds will o-ver-spread the sky;
3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv-ing, eve-ry day;
4. On-ward to the prize be-fore us! Soon His beau-ty we'll be-hold;

In the man-sions bright and bless-ed He'll pre-pare for us a place.
But when trav-ling days are o-ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
Just one glimpse of Him in glo-ry Will the toils of life re-pay.
Soon the pear-ly gates will o-pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.
(1) He'll pre-pare for us a place.

Refrain

When we all get to heav-en, What a day of re-joic-ing that will be!
When we all What a day of re-joic-ing that will be!

When we all see Je-sus, We'll sing and shout the vic-to-ry!
When we all shout and shout the vic-to-ry!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Red Hymnal #645

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 31 (spoken)

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

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

L 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.

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

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

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

L ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Peter.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ 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. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fourteenth Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“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 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Red Hymnal #816

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

PRAYERS

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Chancel Choir

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please stand as you are able.

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

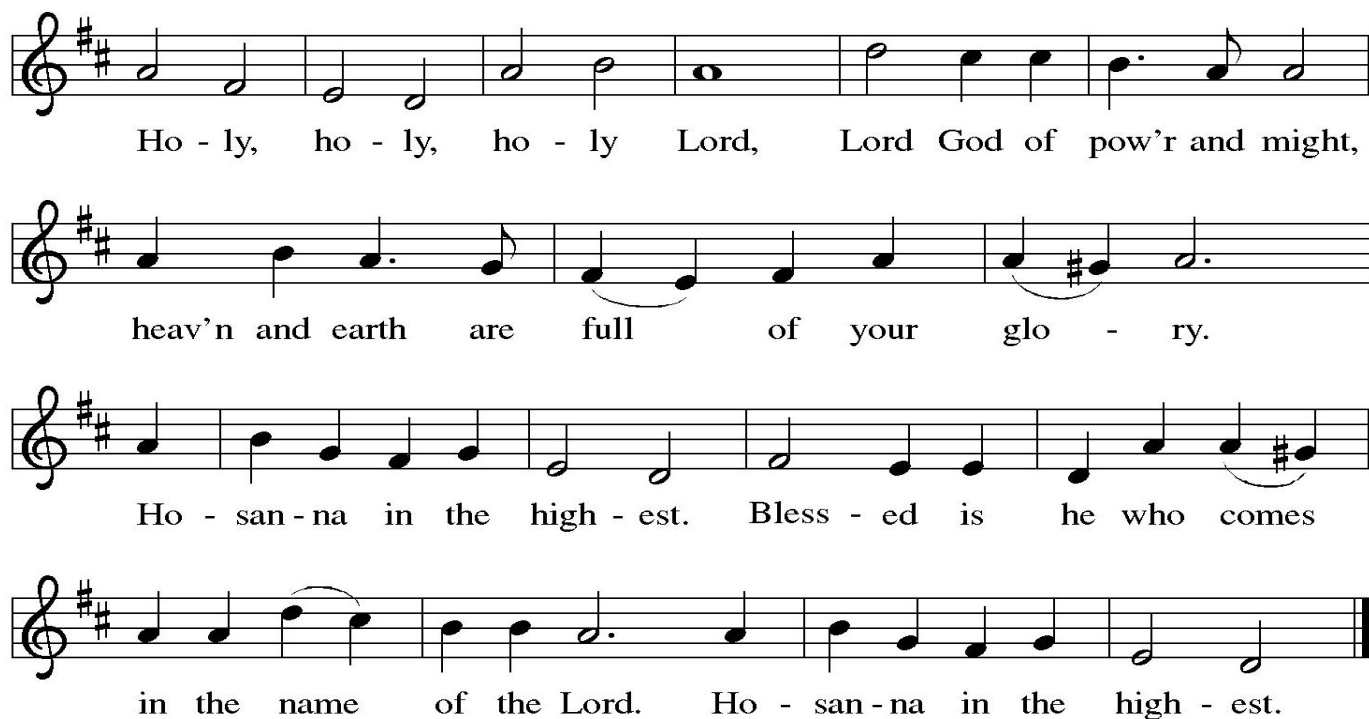
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

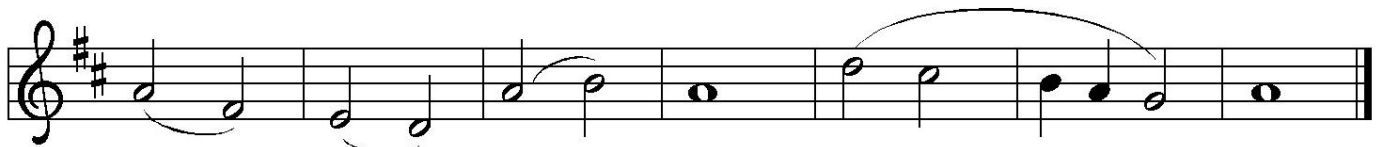
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymns During Distribution:

<i>You Are Holy</i>	Red Hymnal #525
<i>Let Us Go Now to the Banquet</i>	Red Hymnal #523
<i>O Living Bread From Heaven</i>	Red Hymnal #542

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

Please stand as you are able.

When all have received Communion:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

The Church's One Foundation

Red Hymnal #654

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's Altar Flowers were given to the Glory of God by Diane and Steve Dutko as symbols of beauty, life and hope, as we pray for World Peace.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Organist: Mark Jonkman
Audio/Video: John Costanzo
Worship Assistant: Lois Ritchie
Ushers: Ron Roth
Greeter: Victor Machado
Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer
Offering Counters: Shirley Kerbaugh and Kathy Brandt

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Monday, May 4:	1:00pm Worship and Music – Hope House 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, May 5:	7:00pm Property Team - Zoom 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Thursday, May 7:	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 8:	7:30pm Crossroad AA
Saturday, May 9:	2:00pm SAW Ladies' Tea (ticketed event)
Sunday, May 10:	9:30am Worship Service

ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82677651018?pwd=d1NSZ2V4NTVtMnFJaGp0Mm5GdTZrQT09>

By phone: +1 646-558-8656 (New York) or +1-312-626-6799 (Chicago) TOLL CHARGES MAY APPLY.

Meeting ID: 826 7765 1018 Passcode: 454700

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Carl Fisher, Brynlee Forik, Letitia Hill, David Kolb, and Paige Rodriguez

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Immediate Prayers: Kathy DeRenzis-Prendergast, Donna Doran, Kevin Gallagher, Lori Guillen, Kirk Hardling, Rich Heater, John, Doug LaFauci, Carol Laustsen, Pete Merluzzi, Jim Pennoyer, Kevin Prendergast, Danielle Smith, and Kate Zumas.

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Maj-Britt Enblom, Lori Gilbert, Ryan Gorrie, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Andi Steckel, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

Service Members: MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Staff Sgt. Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Major Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Major Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Lt. Col. (Retired) Sten Kjellberg, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

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Tune Name Westminster Abbey

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Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876 Tune Name: Aurelia

You Are Holy: OL #00877

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet: OL #1713

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