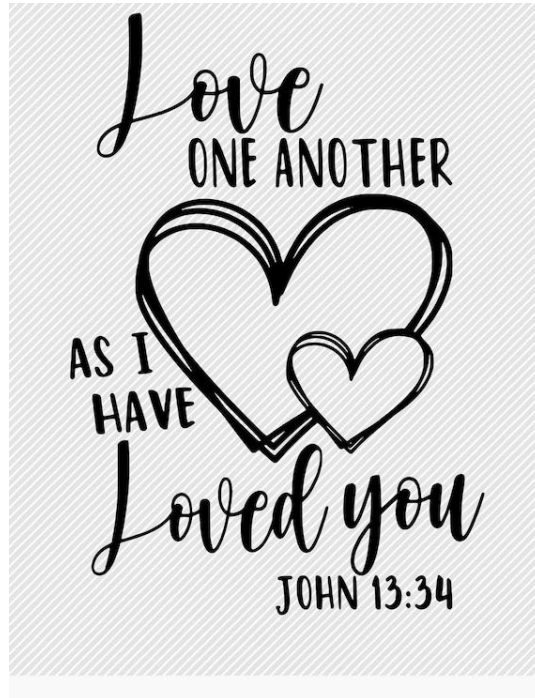


# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*



Sunday, May 18, 2025  
8:00 A.M. Eucharist, Rite One

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 432 - O praise ye the Lord!

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| 1. O praise ye the Lord!<br>Praise him in the height;<br>rejoice in his word,<br>ye angels of light;<br>ye heavens, adore him<br>by whom ye were made,<br>and worship before him,<br>in brightness arrayed.            | 3. O praise ye the Lord!<br>All things that give sound;<br>each jubilant chord<br>re-echo around;<br>loud organs, his glory<br>forth tell in deep tone,<br>and sweet harp, the story<br>of what he hath done. |
| 2. O praise ye the Lord!<br>Praise him upon earth,<br>in tuneful accord,<br>all ye of new birth;<br>praise him who hath brought you<br>his grace from above,<br>praise him who hath taught you<br>to sing of his love. | 4. O praise ye the Lord!<br>Thanksgiving and song<br>to him be outpoured<br>all ages along!<br>For love in creation,<br>for heaven restored,<br>for grace of salvation,<br>O praise ye the Lord!              |

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## GLORIA

Hymn # S-278

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## **THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

**Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 603 - When Christ was lifted from the earth

1. *When Christ was lifted from the earth,  
his arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.*
2. *Still east and west his love extends  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.*
3. *Where generation, class, or race  
divide us to our shame,  
he sees not labels but a face,  
a person, and a name.*
4. *Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free  
to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

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*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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian our Bishops; Ralph our Priest; and Nancy our Deacon.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to \_\_\_\_\_ and all the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 529 - In Christ there is no East or West

1. *In Christ there is no East or West,  
in him no South or North,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.*
2. *Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.*
3. *In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in him meet South and North,  
all Christly souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 340

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. (*the priest adds a Proper Preface*)

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Hymnal S-125



All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

***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;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

***We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion.  
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### **COMMUNION HYMN 307 - Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor**

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| <p><b><i>1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,<br/>first-begotten from the dead.<br/>Thou alone, our strong defender,<br/>liftest up thy people's head.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Jesus, true and living bread!</i></b></p> <p><b><i>2. Here our humblest homage pay we,<br/>here in loving reverence bow;<br/>here for faith's discernment pray we,<br/>lest we fail to know thee now.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Thou art here, we ask not how.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee<br/>as of old in Bethlehem,<br/>here as there thine angels hail thee,<br/>branch and flower of Jesse's stem.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>We in worship join with them.</i></b></p> | <p><b><i>4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished<br/>once for all when thou wast slain,<br/>in its fullness undiminished<br/>shall for evermore remain.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Cleansing us from every stain.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,<br/>smitten Rock with streaming side,<br/>heaven and earth with loud hosanna<br/>worship thee, the Lamb who died.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Risen, ascended, glorified!</i></b></p> |
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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 610 - Lord, whose love through humble service

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| <p>1. Lord, whose love through humble service<br/>bore the weight of human need,<br/>who upon the cross, forsaken,<br/>offered mercy's perfect deed,<br/>we, your servants, bring the worship<br/>not of voice alone, but heart,<br/>consecrating to your purpose<br/>every gift that you impart.</p> <p>2. Still your children wander homeless;<br/>still the hungry cry for bread;<br/>still the captives long for freedom;<br/>still in grief we mourn our dead.<br/>As, O Lord, your deep compassion<br/>healed the sick and freed the soul,<br/>use the love your Spirit kindles<br/>still to save and make us whole.</p> | <p>3. As we worship, grant us vision,<br/>till your love's revealing light,<br/>in its height and depth and greatness,<br/>dawns upon our quickened sight,<br/>making known the needs and burdens<br/>your compassion bids us bear,<br/>stirring us to tireless striving,<br/>your abundant life to share.</p> <p>4. Called by worship to your service,<br/>forth in your dear name we go,<br/>to the child, the youth, the aged<br/>love in living deeds to show;<br/>hope and health, good will and comfort,<br/>counsel, aid, and peace we give,<br/>that your servants, Lord, in freedom<br/>may your mercy know and live.</p> |
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## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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