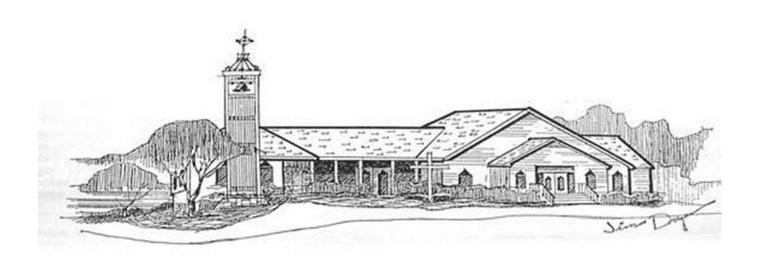
The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

"A community of faith seeking to love and serve in the Spirit of Jesus Christ"



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 18, 2025

10:45 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude

Procession and Nocturne on "Middlebury"

C. Callahan

Hymn #296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engleberg



Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

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**.



(Gloria continued on next page)



CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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**.

The First Reading Acts 11:1-8

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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 BCP 805
Robert Knox Kennedy



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1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the /heavens; * praise him in the /heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of /his; * praise him, all his /host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and /moon; * praise him, all you shining /stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of /heavens, * and you waters above the /heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the /Lord; * for he commanded, and they were cre/ated.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and /ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass a/way.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the /earth, * you sea-monsters and all /deeps;

- 8 Fire and hail, snow and /fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his /will;
- 9 Mountains and all /hills, * fruit trees and all /cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all /cattle, * creeping things and winged /birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all /peoples, * princes and all rulers of the /world;
- 12 Young men and /maidens, * old and young to/gether.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the /Lord, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and /heaven.
- 14 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. Halle/lujah!

The Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

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."

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The Gospel John 13:31-35

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon The Rev. Frank Baltz

A period of silence is kept after the sermon.

Nicene Creed BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People - Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

For those on our parish prayer list.

We remember those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week.

We remember those celebrating birthdays this week.

We remember those celebrating anniversaries this week.

We pray for expectant parents.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem The Presentation

And I Saw a New Heaven

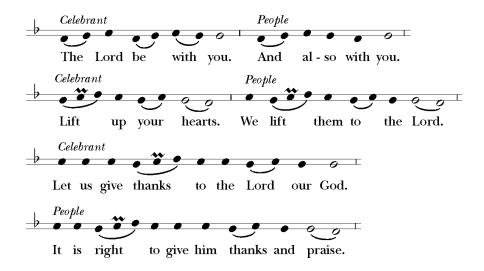
M. Archer

Hymn #174 (v. 1,4)

The Lamb's high feast we sing



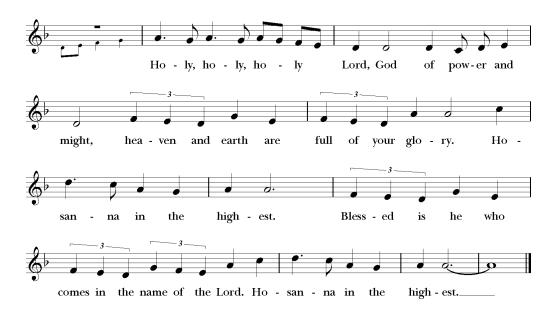
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Sanctus S-129



Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

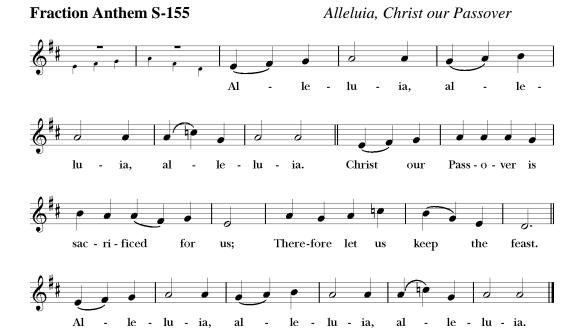
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.



Celebrant

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.

BCP 364



6 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's Name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



The Dismissal

Prelude Engelberg (excerpt) R. Hobby

BISHOP – The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright RECTOR – The Rev. Brandon Thomas Mozingo

Vestry

SENIOR WARDEN- **Bob Hitch** JUNIOR WARDEN - **Jeri Ellis**

Alice Bryan • Melinda Carey • Cathy Middleton Ashley McKenna • Debbie Onderko • Dee Rausin • Melanie Webb Treasurer –Ray Williams • Clerk – Sue Ellen Williams

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INTERIM MUSIC MINISTER – John Hutchinson
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR – Julie Wilson
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR – Julie Wilson
YOUTH MINISTER – Shannon David

Father Brandon is available to meet in person on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, by appointment. On Mondays he is available via phone or Zoom, by appointment. He would love to meet with you about any pastoral needs, theological questions, or simply to get to know each other better.

Today's Ministers

Altar Guild – **Jill Hayes, Janet McDermott**

Flowers - Sandra Culver

Coffee Hosts- TBD 8:30, Melissa Roehm 10:45

Lectors - Linda Walker, Gayle Putt 8:30

Ashley McKenna, Carmen Smith 10:45

EM – Linda Walker 8:30

Jacquelyn Kenton 10:45

Intercessors - Linda Walker 8:30

Marina Slemmons 10:45

Ushers - **TBD 8:30**

Sandra Culver, Jacquelyn Kenton,

Fred Viele 10:45

Verger – Debbie Onderko 8:30, Ashley McKenna 10:45

Crucifer -Linda Walker 8:30, Patrick McKenna 10:45

Oblation Bearers-TBD 8:30,

TBD 10:45

Acolytes – N/A

Children's Chapel – TBD

Broadcast - Moffet & Abigail McKenna

Vestry Person of the Day – Cathy Middleton

Nursery - Mandy Ponder, Carol Frankin

Counter - Melinda Carey

Monday Counter - Donna Kukarola

Next Sunday's Ministers May 25, 2025

Altar Guild – Judie Borden, Becky Hitch

Flowers – Jean Robinson

Coffee Hosts- TBD 8:30, Sharon Linsley10:45

Lectors – Sheila Smith, Meg Davenport 8:30

Becky Hitch, Barbie Rodgers 10:45

EM -Sheila Smith8:30

Linda Cartwright10:45

Intercessors - Sheila Smith8:30

Jeaanie Lipscomb10:45

Ushers – **TBD 8:30**

Sandra Culver, Julie Ford,

Carmen Smith10:45

Verger - Chad Cartwright

Crucifer - Sheila Smith 8:30, Mark Matson 10:45

Oblation Bearers-TBD 8:30,

TBD 10:45

Acolytes - N/A

Children's Chapel – Catherine Nunziata

Broadcast – Meg Davenport, Violet David

Vestry Person of the Day – **Debbie Onderko**

Nursery - N/A

Counter – Janet McDermott

Monday Counter – **Donna Kukarola**