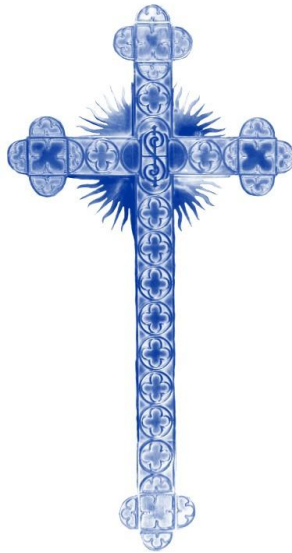


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

May 18, 2025 ✠ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Hymn # 417 (v.1)

This is the feast of victory

Festival Canticle

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 Lesson

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 Psalm

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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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 **created**.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and **ever**; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass **away**.
- 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 **together**.
- 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.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

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."

Hymn # 529 (vv.1-2)

In Christ, there is no East or West

McKee

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

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."

Hymn # 529 (v.3)	In Christ, there is no East or West	McKee
The Sermon	The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker	
The Nicene Creed		p. 358
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The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Choir Anthem	O praise God in his holiness	John Weldon
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)		p. 367
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S-155*	Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover	Gerald Near
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The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

Post Communion Prayer

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The Easter Blessing

Celebrant: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen

Hymn # 432

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

Laudate Dominum

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary

* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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