

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

May 3, 2026 ✦ 10:30 am



The Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

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(b. 1930)



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- 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 **deliver 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**.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your **servant**, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

1 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 243 (vv. 1-3) When Stephen, full of power and grace

Salvation

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn # 243 (vs. 4) When Stephen, full of power and grace *Salvation*

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The Holy Communion

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

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

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 chalice. The chalice 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 # 463

He is the Way

Hall

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 # 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

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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