

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 3, 2026

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 212

Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,

those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.

○ Dead arise! ○ Friendless stand by seraphim adored!
○ Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

Words: Christopher Smart

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis, adapt. Samuel Webbe

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

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 in Excelsis

The following is said, all standing

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 of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 7:55-60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 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 Epistle

I Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

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.

Gradual Hymn

No. 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus told his disciples, "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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Pervez Baig

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Friends, there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. So let us boldly pray to God, saying, "Loving God, put your words in our hearts."

Great vine-grower, remove anything in your Church that hinders our love. May we abide in your Son Jesus. May he abide in us. We want to bear much fruit; we want to be disciples of your Son.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Ruler of the nations, under your reign the poor shall eat and be satisfied: make known your saving deeds to the ends of the earth.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Creator God, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine. Give us eyes to see your presence in our world; give us words to witness to your goodness.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Good Teacher, you sent Philip to the Ethiopian so that he would be transformed by understanding: bless our local colleges and universities. Give wisdom and understanding to all those who teach and all those who learn.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

O God, you are love. You love us so much. We pray for our brothers and sisters, especially those in great need. Increase our love for them; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing touch.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: May your love be an eternal abode for all your saints.

Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. A period of silence is observed. Celebrant and People together say

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 Priest stands and says

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 Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 457

Thou art the Way, to thee alone from sin and death we flee;
and all who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.

Thou art the Life, the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane Music: St. James, Ralph Courteville

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN

The Celebrant then continues

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

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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Festal Easter Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

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.

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 213

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born; on this festival day,
come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,
by our heavenly Father bestowed, while his grace we receive
from his bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.

For the glory we were first created to share,
both the nature and kingdom divine! Now created again
that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love
which hath joined us to Jesus' Name; so united in heart,
let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King,
and his rapturous praises, repeat: to the Lamb that was slain,
hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: *Middlebury*, harm. Jack W. Burnam. and arr. Marilyn Keiser
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The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

May 3, 2026

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Church of North India...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for the Ministry of Convocations ...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for all who volunteer for the upcoming yard sales...

For our Sons and Daughters in the Military Nathan, Kennedy, Zack, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this Week Christine Danielewicz 05/04; Lily Ward 05/08...

For those Celebrating an Anniversary this Week Ralph & Carol Slim Sr. 05/06

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Stephen, Mark, Julia, Olivia, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Ben, Margie, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Michael, Douglas, Christine, Al, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Michael, Audrey, John, Colleen, Bob N., Kay, Milton, Shelley, Buddy, Bob, Gordon, Maggie, Sally, Tim, Howard, Butch, Jeff, Jack, Jessica, Bernadette...

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Merle Bones by Yvonne Bones & Family.

PLEASE WELCOME The Rev. Pervez Baig who is filling in for The Rev. Martin Gutwein who will be on vacation for the next few Sundays.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Saturday, May 9 - Town-wide Yard Sale (see announcements page)
- Sunday, May 10 -- Knitters & Crocheters meet during or after coffee hour
- Tuesday, May 19 - Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Library
- Saturday, May 23 - Collingswood Mayfair (mark your calendar)
- Saturday, May 30 - Holy Trinity 140th Birthday Party BBQ on the Plaza

AND A LITTLE FURTHER OUT!

- Friday, June 12 - Ukes & Brews Open Mic Night 7-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 27 - Collingswood Home & Garden Tour
- Saturday, July 11 - Tropical Beach Party with Cocktails on the Plaza 7-9:00 p.m.

***At the Church this week:**

- **This afternoon:** Sunday School and Youth Fellowship 4:00-5:30
- **This evening:** Liberti Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00
- **Monday evening:** AA Parish Hall
- **Tuesday Evening:** Indoor set up at 7:00PM for Town-Wide Yard Sale
- **Wednesday evening:** Boy Scouts
- **Thursday Evening:** Indoor set up at 7:00PM for Town-Wide Yard Sale
- **Saturday all day: Townwide Yard Sale** (see announcements page)

**Note - Additional events are added frequently. All facility usage should be coordinated through the Verger to ensure no double booking of spaces.*



2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART - is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$50.00.

WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 9th Volunteers are needed to help us get ready for the Collingswood town-wide yard sale.

- On Tuesday & Thursday, (May 5th and 7th) at 7 p.m. we'll be doing indoor set up including moving, unwrapping and placing items for sale. Sneak peek pre-sales are encouraged!
- On Saturday, May 9th (Sale day), outdoor set up begins at 6:30 a.m. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during the day volunteer positions include cashiers, food/beverage table, grill master, baked good contributions, and cleanup. Please see sign-up sheets in church. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP every other Sunday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be **TODAY, May 3**. Activities include a children's chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, contact Theresa Hoyt-Chattin (609) 941-1651 for more information.

ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS meet the second Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM - Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

ONLINE GIVING- To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission

