

5th Sunday of Easter
11:15 a.m. 3 May 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary **Chaconne in E minor**
Dieterich Buxtehude

The Church’s one foundation (*Stand*) **Hymn 525**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
The Celebrant continues

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.*

Song of Praise **Christ our Passover**
Jeffrey H. Rickard

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for
us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.

All repeat the refrain

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

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. [Acts 7:55-60]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by James Turle.

- 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.

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. [1 Peter 2:2-10]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Open your ears, O faithful people (*Stand*)..... **Hymn 536**

The Gospel

Gospeller 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.” [John 14:1-14]

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand).....**BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

Leader Make your face to shine upon us,
People and in your loving-kindness save us.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Peace..... **BCP 360**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....**O how amiable**
Ralph Vaughan Williams

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia.
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eucharistic Prayer D.....**BCP 372**

The Sanctus..... **Hymn S 125**

The Lord's Prayer..... **BCP 364**

The Fraction Anthem ... The disciples knew the Lord
Gary James

Antiphon is first sung by the choir, then repeated by all.



Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. Antiphon

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Motet.....**The Call**
Gail Randall

Communion Hymns..... **51, 1, 457**

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... **BCP 365**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this
Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that
those to whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all
share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Christ is made the sure foundation (Stand).....**Hymn 518**

The Dismissal..... **BCP 366**

Voluntary.....**Festal Postlude on Lasst uns erfreuen**
William Faulkes

Tower Bells

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Mother Leslie Roraback.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or "t" telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept and north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John's website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary

9:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Sanctuary

11:15 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)..... Chapel
with Healing Prayer

5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Diana Daktere, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Ben, Ray, Maryanne, Nancee, Taylor, Geoff Fulcher, Alison Stewart, Olga, Angie, Alan Asker, Elizabeth McInnis, Carole & Tom Butler, Rick Smith, the Walker family

The Departed: Mother Leslie Roraback. Mert Dollar

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Joe Bakker, The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacons; The Rev. Melanie Salzgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; Michael Stewart-Meza, Postulant for Holy Orders