

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022 --10:00AM

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Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

Entrance Hymn

"Here in this place"

Renew Songbook #14

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

refrain

This is the feast of vic-tor-y for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le
lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose
Sing - with all the peo - ple of God, and
final refrain
blood sets us free to be peo - ple of God. This is the feast of
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion.
vic-tor-y for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le lu-ia, al-le - lu - - ia!

Text: Rev. 5: 12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980) Music: *Festival Canticle*; Richard Hillert (b. 1923)
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lessons

A reading from 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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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!

A reading from 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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Standing



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
 jah! Hal-le, hal-le-hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Brent Norris

Standing

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.

Prayers of the People Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Russell, our Bishop and
all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence The People may add their own petitions
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.
Silence The People may add their own petitions
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Standing

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

"As the deer"

Renew Songbook #9

The Presentation

All who hun-ger, sing to geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from wild-er -
ness and wan-d'ring, here in truth we will be fed. Blest are those who from this tab - le
live their lives in grati-i - tude. Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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The Holy Communion

Standing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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The people remain standing or kneel

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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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.**

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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

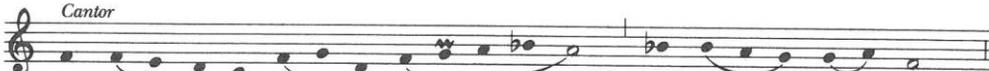
Fraction anthem

Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

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Invitation to Communion

Presider

Jesus said: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. He now gives this living bread to you, so that you may dwell in him and he in you. Come, the feast is prepared. Christ, the host, waits to meet you here.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

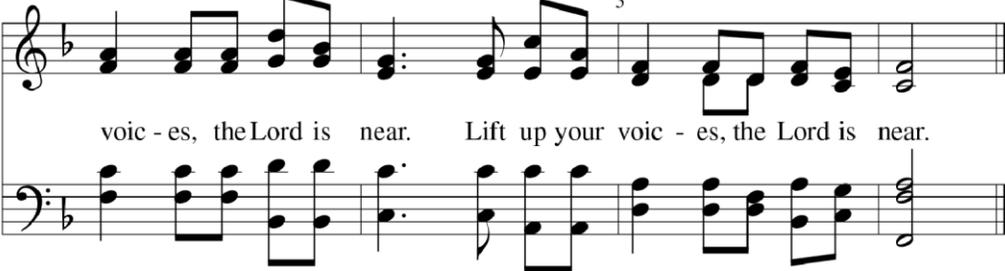
“In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful”



In the Lord I’ll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -



joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your



voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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“The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, along with chord symbols above the notes.

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Post communion prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn

“Shine Jesus”

Renew Songbook #247

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Amy, Ashley, Ben, Bernice, Bill, Bob, Buddy, Carol, Cindy, Clay, Daniel, Dave, Dennis, Diane, Donna, Elaine, Esther, Evelyn, Francis, Frank, Freda, Gail, Jack, Jeff, Jenny, Jerry, John, Judith, Judy, Karin, Kate, Kathy, Kim, Kirsten, Kristi, Larry, LaVerne, Leigh, Linda, Lynn, Madelyn, Margaret, Marilyn, Marty, Mary Ann, Massey, Mel, Mendel, Mike, Milton, Myrna, Nancy, Natalie, Nelda, Nicolas, Pat, Patrick, Peggy, Ralph, Rita, Robert, Roger, Ron, Rose, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Steve, Terry, Tom, Tommy, Tony, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Atmore Community Work Center, Atmore, AL.

For those who have died: Janie Moyer. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

For birthdays: Brent Norris

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am-Holy Eucharist
- 9 am-Christian Formation
- 10 am-Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm-NAR-NON & NA Open Meetings

MONDAY

- 8 pm-AA

TUESDAY

- 10 am- Bible Study "**Seven First Words of the Risen Christ**" led by Ralph Buck & Pastor Brent

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 am-Rector's Bible Study
- Noon Eucharist with Healing
- 7 pm-NA-Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- 4 pm-Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm-AA Meeting
- 8 pm-AA Open meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am-AA Meeting

REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP

Cake mix, brownie mix, Asian meals, Mexican meals, and laundry detergent.

RECYCLE PROGRAM FOR THE BUILDING FUND

We can earn money for the church repairs by bringing our cans to church and placing them in the bin by the office on the Orchid St. side. There is no need to remove labels or wash or crush the cans. Donnie Bobe will take them to the recycling center and the money will be used for repairs. Contact Meg Scott or Donnie Bobe with questions.

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM RETURNS SUNDAY, MAY 29

Saint Paul's once again joins with Foley Elementary School and others to feed children this summer. We've committed to feeding students who might otherwise not have a meal. We provide each child breakfast, lunch, and healthy snack for 5 days each week all summer. Please sign up in the parish hall or let the church office know how you would like to be a part of this important summer ministry. Financial contributions are always welcome and needed. For more information and details contact Katherine Allen.

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

Hymns

Gather Us In

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As the deer

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In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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In kingdom of God

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Shine Jesus Shine

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Service Music

This is the feast

Text: Revelation 5: 12-13, adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980)
Tune: *Festival Canticle*, Richard Hillier, (b. 1923)
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Halle, halle, halle

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All who hunger

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Sanctus

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The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Setting: Mode 6, adapt. Mason Martins
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