

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**MAY 3, 2026 - 10:00 AM**

## **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

*A welcoming parish loving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ*

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We hope that you will find spiritual nourishment and fellowship with us this morning.

This bulletin will guide you through today's service step-by-step

# WELCOME

**Processional Hymn HB 518** Christ is made the sure foundation

**Easter Acclamation** (*BCP, p.355*)

Officiant Alleluia, Christ is Risen  
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

**The Gloria** *p. 356*

## A COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Officiant God be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Officiant 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.**

Lector            The first 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.

Lector    The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16** *read responsively*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
**deliver me in your righteousness.**

Incline your ear to me;  
**make haste to deliver me.**

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.**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
**for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
**for you have redeemed me,**  
**O Lord, O God of truth.**

My times are in your hand;  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

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

## SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:2-10

Lector            The second reading is 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.

Lector    The word of the Lord  
**People    Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn HB 644** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**JOHN 14:1-14**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

Officiant The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** Rev. Pamela Bakal

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Form 3 BCP, p. 387)*

*Leader*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

**Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.**

We ask for God's protection of the vulnerable and His healing touch of those suffering from illness or personal distress. As we journey with God, we pray for World Peace and Harmony. And for:

**Emilio Acosta, Jim Albro, Lamont Jacob Alston, The Rev. Charles Arlin, The Rev. Pam Bakal, Barbara Beam, Bill Becker, Gordon Blake, Kate Bondy, Blakley Boyle, Karen Brusati, Karen Bullen, Joseph Casey, Steve Christopher, Joe Chis, Joy Claveria, Evelyn DalPino, Martha Delgado Soto, Migdalia Diaz, Mary DiJoia, Nicholas Doremus, Patricia Dremian, Judith Eugene, Hanane Farah, Grayson Ferer, Barbara Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Juan and Josephine Fialla, Penny Gibson, Dave George, Michelle Goethe, Kalust Gokoglu Terri Gonzalez, Samantha Griffith, The Family of Adriana Herrera, Melissa Kiel, Czesiek "Chester" Labieniec, Nicky LaSaracina, Adrian LeBron, Nicholas Lom, Karen Luchs, August Lurato, Barbara Maggio, Colleen Mahoney, Elinhor and Bill Makonechny, Anthony Marino, Josephine Marino, Gloria Mayorga, Maria Mendoza, Richard Middlemark, George Mitchell, Anthony Montalbano, Ann Nestman, Ryu Okumura, Martha Orejuela, Lynne Orofino, Jake Oshires, Jeff Paccione, The Rev. Archie Palmer, Leslie Pliska, Rose Mary Prusina, Donna Radulich, Ann and Rick Raines, Yolanda Rodriguez Nico Romano, Miriam Sabo, Shira Shatzkes, Rosalie Sheffield, Stephania, Michael Tarabulsk, Kaitlyn Tatri, Aden Tescorian, Fredelyne Tony, SueEllen Tucker, Lorraine Woehrle, Calvin Young, Evelyn Zambrano**

## **PRAYER FOR HEALING**

*Dear God, we come to you with a humble heart, seeking your guidance and strength. Please grant these loved ones good health, physical and mental wellness and emotional resilience. We ask for your healing touch for our loved ones health concerns and challenges. Please soothe our bodies, calm our minds and uplift our spirits. May your grace and mercy surround us, and may we feel your loving presence in our lives. Please help us to trust in your goodness and find peace in your care. **In your holy name we pray. Amen***

### ***For the Parish***

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven  
And earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen  
The faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.  
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring  
us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***For Stewardship***

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom. We know that all we have is  
received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of  
your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always  
to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSINGS,**

### **OFFERTORY**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice  
to God. *Ephesians 5:2*  
*(Please place your offering in the alms basin)*

**Hymn during the offering- 325-** Let us break bread together on our knees

***Let us break bread together on our knees 2X***

***Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun***

***Oh Lord have mercy on me.***

***Let us drink wine together on our knees 2X***

*Refrain*

*Let us praise God together on our knees 2X*

*Refrain*

Doxology at the presentation of the offering

## **The Liturgy of the Table - Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER P 364**

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION 335– Bread of Life**

*'I am the Bread of life.*

*They who come to me shall not hunger;*

*they who believe in me shall not thirst.*

*No one can come to me*

*unless the Father draws them.*

CHORUS

*'And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

*'The bread that I will give*

*is my flesh for the life of the world,*

*and they who eat this bread*

*they shall live for ever,*

*they shall live for ever.*

CHORUS

*Unless you eat*

*Of the flesh of the Son of Man,*

*and drink of his Blood*

*you shall not have life within you,*

*you shall not have life within you.*

CHORUS

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER P 365**

### **THE BLESSING**

**Recessional Hymn HB 688** A might fortress is our God

### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia,  
Alleluia.

**People Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

**Outreach Fund:** If you, or someone you know, is in need, please inform Warden Karen Bullen. The Rector's Discretionary Account is a parish resource directed by the Clergy & Vestry, and may be available when needed.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **STEWARDSHIP**

We now have the ability to accept credit card and e-check payments on our website via a secure program provided by Vanco, and used across our diocese. It is so easy to use, and you can set up your pledge to pay automatically, or donate to our outreach fund. Just go to this page on our website and click the Donate button: <https://www.annunciationradell.org/support-us.html> or mail them to: Church of the Annunciation co/ Steve Bullen, Treasurer

## **ONGOING OUTREACH**

We collect for Center for Food Action, North Porch and the homeless shelter throughout the year. If you would like to donate socks, canned goods & shelf stabilized food items or formula, diapers and baby food, please bring them to church. They are greatly needed and much appreciated.

## **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY**

Our Virtual Bible Study meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm. Pastor Karen leads the interactive discussion which consists of scripture readings and prayers. We warmly welcome anyone from our sister church St. Matthews to join us! Feel free to invite others that may be interested in joining in our group discussion. Hope to see you all at Bible Study! Blessings- Pastor Karen

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88433093229?pwd=QUplQWMrRGJOUWZFTlNVOWhNRy9BZz09>

**Meeting ID: 884 3309 3229**

**Passcode: 443179**

**To enhance your weekly devotions and prayer,** here are some helpful resources, that include a downloadable BCP: and the Diocese of Newark, go to the website: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/>

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