



## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**The Holy Eucharist**

**May 3, 2026**

**10 o'clock in the morning**

Year A  
The Entrance

Opening Hymn 304

*Land of Rest*

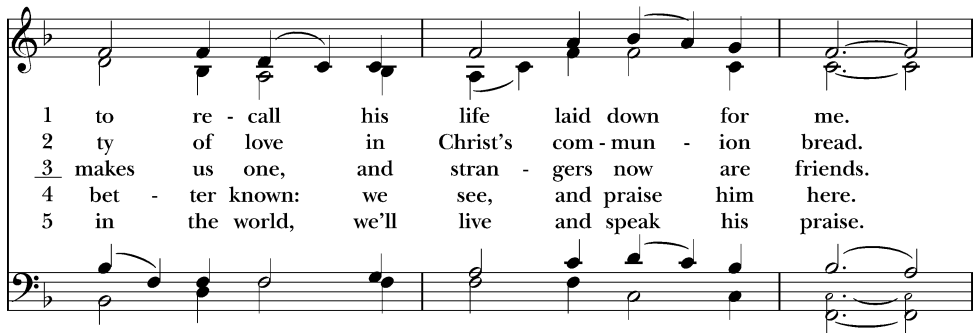
*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen

*People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

# Gloria (S280)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) on the staves: one on the 5th staff, one on the 6th staff, and one on the 7th staff. The lyrics are: "1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and", "peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly", "King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we", "give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus", "Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you", "take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy", "on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -", "ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,", "you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most".

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

## The Collect of the Day

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 Word of the Lord

The Old Testament Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

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.*

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 (said responsively by whole verse)

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

People: *Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.*

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

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

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

The New Testament

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 379

*Abbott’s Leigh*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all  
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

Deacon: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Kathleen Liles

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

Celebrant: In the name of Christ, let us pray to the God whose care embraces every person in need.

Leader: That the church, your household, O God, may reflect your compassion and hurry to welcome everyone with an embrace of love and a place at the table. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Leader: That all who suffer and grieve may know comfort, justice, peace and restoration. Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Leader: That all who are alienated from their families may find the understanding they seek, and the care they need for healing.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Leader: That those burdened by hurtful memories or past guilt may come to know your forgiveness is unconditional and freely given.  
Lord, in your mercy,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Leader: For our own needs and those of others, especially those for whom we have been asked to pray Andrea, Stephen, Debbie, Sue, Wendy, Jake, Sophia, Robyn, John, Beverly, Jason, Jacob, Ellie, Ron, Nicole, and Liv. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: That we, whose sins have been forgiven, may extend forgiveness to others. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: For all the departed, that they may know peace in the risen life of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Good and gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon, hear the prayers we offer; at your altar give us a foretaste of the joy you have prepared for us in the paschal banquet of your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## The Offertory

Offertory Hymn 593

*Dickinson College*

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

*All are invited to the Lord's Table*

*In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons, including those from other Christian Churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

**Celebrant:** 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.*

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*

### Santus S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat major), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are". The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then 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 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,

*All:* 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Communion Hymn Instrumental

### The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Blessing

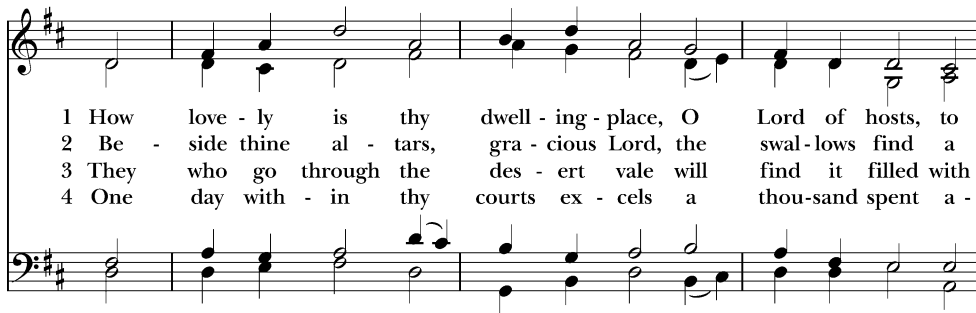
### The Dismissal

**Deacon:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

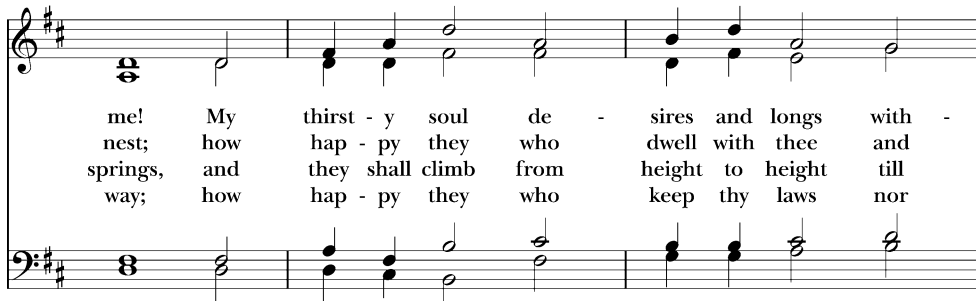
*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



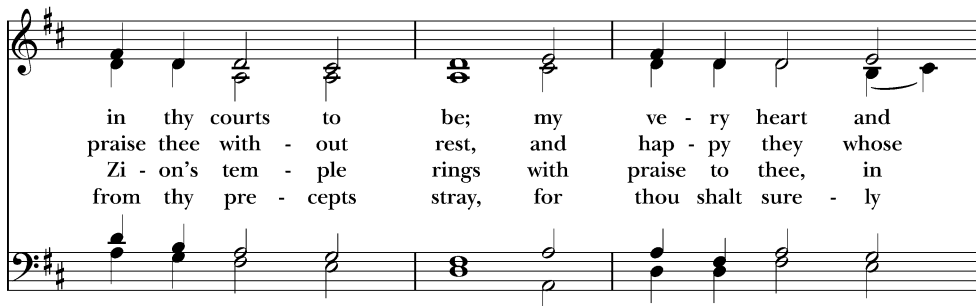
## Retiring Hymn 517

*Brother James' Air*


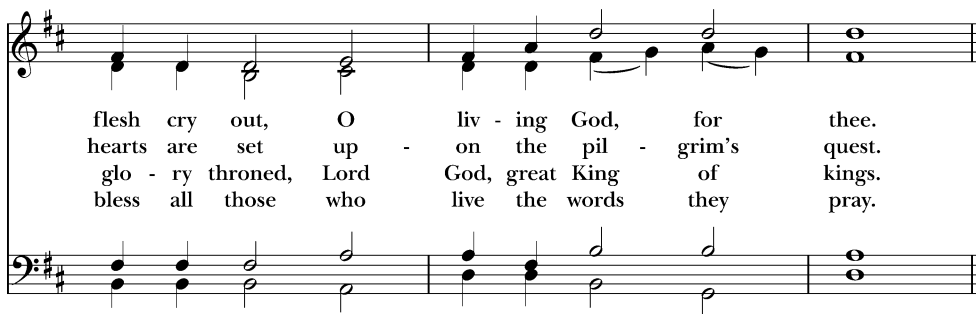
1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

## Announcements

CROP Walk – Today! United Congregational Church of Bridgeport, 2200 North Avenue in Bridgeport. Registration begins at 1:00. Walking starts at 1:30. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to support nOURish Bridgeport.

Diaper Drive – This Month! Our outreach ministry for May is to help the families supported by nOURish BRIDGEPORT. We are collecting diapers – sizes 5, 6, and 7 - to donate at the end of the month. If you'd like to participate, please drop off your donation by Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

Spirituality Monday: Our Meditation Group meets via Zoom at noon on the first and third Monday of each month. Our Prayer Group meets via Zoom at noon on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Please see the weekly eNews for information and for the zoom link. All are welcome.



### **Serving at Today's Liturgy**

Celebrant: The Rev. L. Kathleen Liles

Deacon: The Rev. Lee Forshaw

Musician: Sean O'Reilly

Lector: Ginnie Glassman

Altar Guild: Martine Yourieff

**UPCOMING SERVICE: May10th ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter.  
Holy Eucharist (Spoken) at 9am and Holy Eucharist (with hymns) at 10am  
followed by Coffee Hour.**

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