

Preparing for the Service

*Welcome to a time of quiet reflection
in order to prepare for worship.*

*Focus on the Lord. Pray for your own
concerns. Pray for our church. Pray
for our world.*

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Renewed Ancient Text (BCP 2019)

Opening Song

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

H398

**I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise
that spread the flowing seas
abroad
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day
the moon shines full
at His command
and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with
His Word
and then pronounced them
good.**

**Lord, how Thy wonders are
displayed
wher-e'er I turn my eye
if I survey the ground I tread
or gaze upon the sky.**

The Acclamation

BCP 123

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen
indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

BCP 124

**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 Summary of the Law

BCP 124

*We are reminded of the essence
of God's commandments for us.*

The Kyrie

BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
upon us.

***People* Christ, have mercy
upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
upon us.

Gloria!

(Ode to Joy)

**Glory be to God in heaven
peace to those
who love Him well
on the earth let all His people
speak His grace
His wonders tell**

**Lord we praise You
for Your glory
mighty Father, heaven's King
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the praise we bring**

**Only Son of God the Father
Lamb Who takes our sin away
now with Him
in triumph seated
for Your mercy
Lord we pray**

**Jesus Christ,
most high and holy
Savior You are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit
Three in One.**

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect
of the Day*

The First Reading

Acts 17:1-15

After the reading:

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

Psalm 66:1-9

**¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!**

**3 Say to God, “How awesome are
your deeds!**

**So great is your power that your
enemies come cringing to you.**

**4 All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”**

**5 Come and see what God has
done:**

**he is awesome in his deeds
toward the children of man.**

**6 He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river
on foot.**

**There did we rejoice in him,
7 who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the
nations—
let not the rebellious exalt
themselves.**

**8 Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be
heard,**

**9 who has kept our soul among the
living
and has not let our feet slip.**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:1-12

After the reading:

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

The Gradual Song

The Strife is O'er

H208

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done
Now is the Victor's triumph won
Now be the song of praise begun
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death
have done their worst
but Christ their legions has
dispersed
let shouts of holy joy out-burst.
Alleluia!**

The Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel (†) of
our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel:

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

Gospeler: Jesus said to His disciples,
“Let the children come to me; do not
hinder them,

***People:* For to such belongs the
kingdom of God.**

Gospeler: Let us pray together:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this church, that they may grow up in godly fear and love.

Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. Amen.

The Gradual Song

The Strife is O'er

H208

**The three sad days
are quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
all glory to our risen Head
Alleluia!**

**He broke the agebound
chains of hell
the bars from heav'ns
high portals fell
Let hymns of praise
His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 127

*An ancient statement of the core beliefs of
the Christian faith*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,**

**the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

BCP 128

After each bidding:

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant prays closing prayer

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 129-130

Let us humbly confess our sins to
Almighty God.

Silence

*The Deacon and People kneel as
able and pray*

**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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, (†) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The priest reads one or more passages of Scripture which assure us of God's forgiveness and grace.

The Peace

BCP 131

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord
be always with you.
***People* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant says the Offertory
Sentence*

Offertory Song

His Eye is on the Sparrow

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**Why should I feel discouraged
why should the shadows come
why should my heart be lonely
and long for heav'n and home**

**When Jesus is my portion
my constant Friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me.**

**I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me.**

**Let not your heart be troubled
His tender words I hear
and resting on His goodness
I lose my doubt and fear**

**Tho' by the path He leadeth
But one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me.**

**I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me.**

**Whenever I am tempted
whenever clouds arise
when songs give place to
sighing
when hope within me dies**

**I draw the closer to Him
from care He sets me free
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me.**

**I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches me.**

The Doxology

Doxology (Old 100th)

H380

Please Stand

**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures
here below.**

**Praise Him above ye
heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*The celebrant receives the offering
and blesses it to be used for the
purposes of the Gospel.*

*The celebrant then washes their
hands with the help of an acolyte,
and prays that God might use their
hands to provide for His people
through the Eucharist.*

The Sursum Corda

BCP 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to
the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him
thanks and praise.**

*The priest continues the prayer,
speaking of one of the many
reasons why it is right to give God
thanks and praise.*

The Sanctus

Bethencourt

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power, 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.**

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Blessed is He
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name of the Lord.**

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 132

*Unforgetting who God is and what
He has done for us, and all of His
creation, in and through His Son,
Jesus Christ*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery
of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 134

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

**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 Fraction

BCP 135

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our
Passover Lamb has
been sacrificed, once
for all upon the cross.

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say

**We do not presume to come to this,
your table, O merciful Lord, trusting
in our own righteousness, but in
your abundant and great mercies.**

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be
made clean by his body, and our
souls washed through his most
precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in
us. Amen.**

The Agnus Dei

**Behold the Lamb
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**Behold the Lamb Who bears our
sins away, slain for us
and we remember
the promise made that all who
come in faith find
forgiveness at the cross**

**So we share, in this bread of life
and we drink, of His sacrifice
as a sign, of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.**

The Ministration of Communion

BCP 136

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to take Communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward, cross your arms, and receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

A prayer team is available in the narthex to pray for healing or other concerns.

Thy Word

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**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid
think I've lost my way
still You're there right beside
me
and nothing will I fear
as long as You are near
please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
and hold me to Your side
and I will love You to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

O How I Love Jesus

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**There is a name I love to hear
I love to sing its worth
It sounds like music in my ear
the sweetest name on earth.**

O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

because He first loved me.

**It tells me of a Savior's love
Who died to set me free
it tells me of His precious blood
the sinner's perfect plea.**

O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

because He first loved me.

**It tells me what my Father hath
in store for every day
and though I tread a darksome
path
yields sunshine all the way.**

O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

because He first loved me.

In Christ Alone

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Please Stand

**In Christ alone my hope is
found**

**He is my light my strength my
song**

**this cornerstone, this solid
ground**

**firm through the fiercest
drought and storm**

**What heights of love
what depths of peace
when fears are stilled
when strivings cease
my Comforter my All in All
here in the love of Christ I
stand.**

**In Christ alone
Who took on flesh
fullness of God in helpless Babe
this gift of love and
righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to
save**

**'Til on the cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on Him was laid
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground
His body lay
Light of the world
by darkness slain
then bursting forth
in glorious day
up from the grave
He rose again!**

**And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on
me**

**for I am His and He is mine
bought with the precious blood
of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death
this is the power of Christ in me
from life's first cry to final
breath
Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell
no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His
hand**

**'til He returns or calls me home
here in the power of Christ
I'll stand.**

Post-Communion Verse

BCP 136

The Celebrant offers a sentence of Scripture from the day's readings, as a reminder that what we have received from the table is the same reality we received from the Word.

Silent Prayer

*We take time to open ourselves
to any word from the Lord, either
for ourselves or for the
congregation.*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 137

Heavenly Father, 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
forever. Amen.**

Announcements

**We desire to be a church family
that forms disciples, lives
generously, and shares the love of
God in our neighborhoods**

Today

Thank you for joining us for worship
today!

Join us for fellowship after the
service.

Ways to Connect

Fellowship Meal - after the service

Ascension Day - May 14th, dinner at
5pm, service at 6pm

Sharing Your Faith in a Secular Age

- Thursdays (5/21, 28, 6/4), Room 212

5:30pm BYO Dinner, 6pm Evening

Prayer, 6:30-7:30pm Class

The Blessing

BCP 137

...and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father (†), the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among you
and remain with you always.

Amen.

How Great Thou Art

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**O Lord my God
when I in awesome wonder
consider all
the worlds Thy hands have
made**

**I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul
my Savior God to Thee
how great Thou art
how great Thou art**

**then sings my soul
my Savior God to Thee
how great Thou art
how great Thou art.**

**And when I think
that God His Son not sparing
sent Him to die, I scarce can
take it in**

**that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away
my sin.**

**Then sings my soul
my Savior God to Thee
how great Thou art
how great Thou art**

**then sings my soul
my Savior God to Thee
how great Thou art
how great Thou art.**

**When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home
what joy shall fill my heart**

**then I shall bow, in humble
adoration
and there proclaim
my God how great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul
my Savior God to Thee
how great Thou art
how great Thou art**

**then sings my soul
my Savior God to Thee
how great Thou art
how great Thou art.**

The Dismissal

BCP 138

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us go forth in the
Name of Christ

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

