

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
RESURRECTION
STARKVILLE, MS

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
May 18, 2025
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We're glad you've joined us for worship today! It's customary in the Episcopal Church to observe silence before the service to help create a prayerful environment. Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart. During the service, let God speak to you through Word and Sacrament, and after the service, speak with your neighbor!

All you'll need to follow the liturgy is this service booklet. The congregation plays an important role in our worship, and you're encouraged to take part as you are comfortable.

Christians from any tradition are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you'd like to receive, please come forward to the altar when the priest indicates. You may choose to stand or kneel at the rail. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands, palms up, one on top of the other. If you'd like to receive wine by intinction (*dipping the bread into the wine*), then please only offer one palm. That will signify to the celebrant that you'd like to then dip the wafer into the small intinction cup. If you choose to instead drink wine from a common chalice, we're offering that as well. We will not, however, be allowing intinction from the chalice. If you wish to participate but not receive, come forward to the altar rail and simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest.

If you'd like to know more about our church, please call us at (662) 323-3483.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to seek Christ and to make Him known in a dynamic place of worship and to create a loving and supportive community that shares spiritual and physical help with others.

DIOCESAN INCLUSION STATEMENT

We respect the dignity of all persons, regardless of national origin, race, gender, age, or sexual orientation, and welcome and encourage them to fully participate in all areas of parish life..

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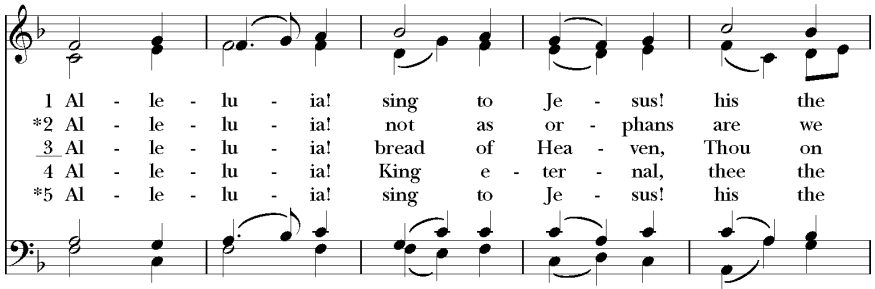
Prelude

Procession

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

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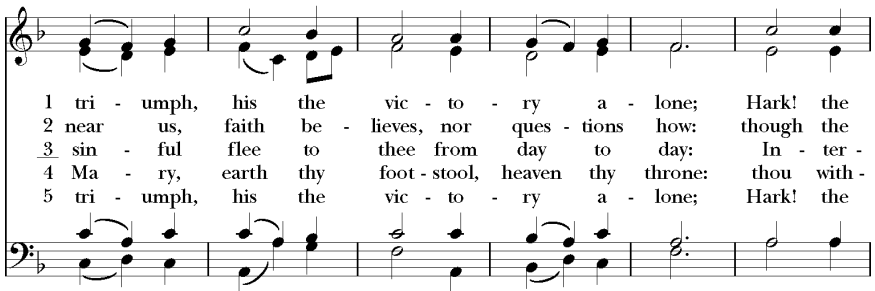
**Related Scripture: Ephesians 1:7 Mat 11:18-19, 1Cor 15:56-58*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



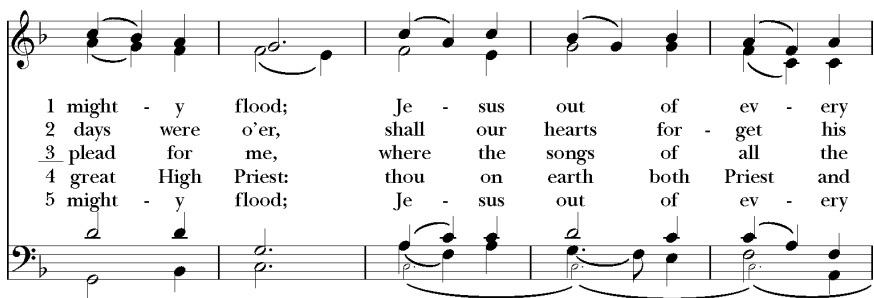
1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the




1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People

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.*

Gloria in excelsis

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King, al -
 might - y 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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*.

First Reading

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Psalm Tune in E major

Laudate Dominum

Helvey



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 a / **way**.

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 to/**gether**.
- 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.
 Halle / **lujah!**

Second Reading

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O Holy City Seen of John

H 583

* Related Scripture: Rev 1:16, Ps 46:10



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Holy Gospel

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Fr. Walton

Nicene Creed (*All stand.*)

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 *(Form III)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

All stand.

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

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Organ Voluntary

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant will add a Proper Preface.

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:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

he night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

Lord's Prayer

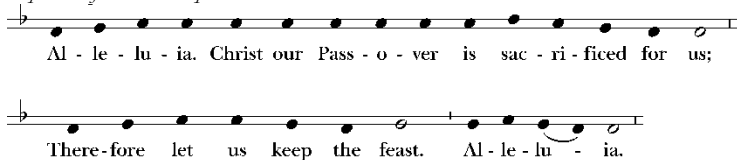
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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, 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.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.



The Celebrant says

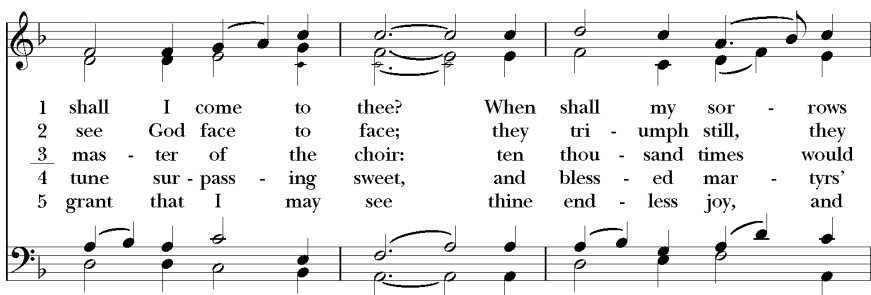
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

Jerusalem my happy home

H 620

**Related Scripture: Rev 21:9-27, 22:1-5. Luke 1:46-56*



Communion Hymn *Let us break bread together*

L 152

* Related Scripture: Eph 3:14-21, Ps 95:6, Luke 22:19-20, Acts 2:42-47

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
2. knees).

sun, Oh Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).
1. 2.

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

Postcommunion 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

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

H 473

* Related Scripture: Mat 24:30, John 12:32, & Eph 1:13-14

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth into the world rejoicing the power of the Spirit!
Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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Butler, Barbi Hughes, David Evans, Jamie Inmon, Loren Zimmerman,
David Callahan, Sheila Sellers, Coleigh Thomas, Sam Baker, Jamie,
Taze Fulford IV, Stuart Vance, Mary Lee Beal, James Lee Davidson,
The Shramenko Family

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 2, 16 & 30	Fiber Arts (<i>Johnson Hall</i>)
Monday, June 16, July 21	Vestry Meeting (<i>Johnson Hall</i>)
Monday-Friday, June 2-6	Vacation Bible School

THIS WEEK AT ECR

Monday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Fiber Arts (*Johnson Hall*)

5:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*Johnson Hall*)

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Wednesday, May 21

5:30 p.m. Healing Service

Thursday, May 22

10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer (*Centering Prayer*)

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Saturday, May 24

11:00 a.m. Casserole Kitchen

Sunday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II*

MINISTERS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy	The Very Rev. Walton Jones
Bell Ringer	Connor Thompson
Greeter	Peggy Hemphill
Lector	Nancy Hargrove
LEM Readings	Julia Stephenson
LEM Prayers	Risley Elliott
Oblation Bearer	Charlotte Long
Usher	Les Potts, Joey Thompson
Acolytes	Joseph Thompson, Ty Marconi,
Vestry on Duty	Joey Thompson
Verger	Kelli Phelps
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Flower Guild	Marc DeVenney, Hellen Polk



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