



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

MAY 18, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack.

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If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook: facebook.com/episcopalloudon.



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *(only at 10:30)*

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

(arr. Laura Anima)

Opening Hymn *(only at 10:30 - see insert)*

Lord, you give the great commission

WLP 780

All standing

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

All **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 *(spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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

The First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively by half 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!

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

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.”

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

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no east or west (verses 1-2)

Hymnal 529

All stand

The Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

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

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no east or west (verse 3)

Hymnal 529

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 IV

BCP 388

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able.
Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or
aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.*

Lector: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we pray for **Jackie B., David & Pam; Kathleen; Jim; the Hentchel family; Pat; Barbara; Daphne; Jenon; Aaron; Sarah; Killian; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.** *Silence.*

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Continuing in a posture of prayer

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence for individual, silent confessions.

Celebrant and People

**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**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Standing as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

Offertory Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Hymnal 487

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings. 1 Chronicles 29:14

Spoken at 8:00

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;
People **and of your own have we given you.**

Sung at 10:30

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sursum Corda (*sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-120

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:

Sanctus *Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God 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,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

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.**

Celebrant

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.** (*spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)



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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

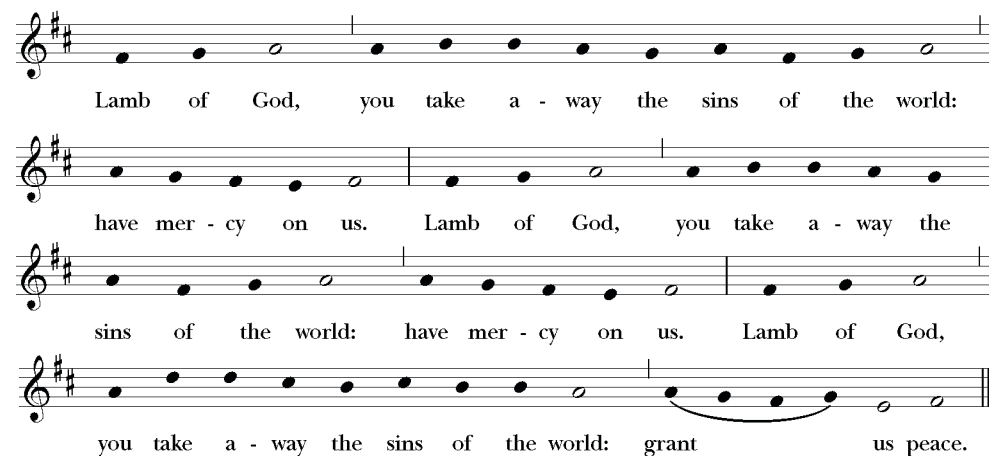
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn (*Spoken at 8:00, Sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.***

*The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.***

Communion Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

Let us break bread together

Hymnal 325

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

Post communion Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

God is love, and where true love is

Hymnal 576

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *(only at 10:30)*

Parish Announcements, Prayers, & Thanksgivings

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Madoc O'Callaghan
by Karin O'Callaghan & family
and
in thanksgiving for our many blessings
by Liz & Jon Berg**

FLOWER GUILD requests a few good vases!
Each Monday the Flower Guild divides the altar arrangement into numerous smaller ones that can be delivered to those who are celebrating joyous events, or to some of our homebound parishioners. If you've received such a bouquet, please return the vase (to the PH kitchen). Do you have others at home? They will find a new life in our "Petal Pushers" ministry.

ALTAR GUILD needs additional volunteers.
The folks dedicated to this ministry prepare our beautiful sacred spaces for worship each week. This commitment to service is usually done a month at a time, can be done in pairs, and is separate from the Flower Ministry. Please sign up in the Parish Hall.

4 PAWS: Next Sunday, May 25 is the fourth Sunday of the month so it's 4 Paws Pantry collection Sunday. Cat and dog food - or donations to purchase the same - are most appreciated. Please see Jackie Curtiss if you have questions.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day and also on Friday, May 30, as Bonnie will be out of town. She will work on Thursday, May 29 instead.

The Vestry decided to revert to close the church office on Thursdays. Effective immediately, the church office hours are weekdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., EXCEPT for Thursdays.

Our Parish Prayer List

Jackie B., David & Pam; Kathleen; Jim; Kelly;
the Hentchel family; Pat; Barbara; Daphne;
Jenon; Aaron; Sarah; Killian

Continuing Prayers for:

Claire; Sandy; Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane; Shannon;
Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley; Raynella;
Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace; Virginia;
Betty Anne; Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

and for our Vestry leaders:

Class of 2025: Lisa A., Donna B., Diane V.K.
Class of 2026: Drew H., Dawson H., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Officers: Jenny L., Diane V.K., Dawson H., Sally L.

Also the Diocesan Prayer List:

the Deacons of East Tennessee
the Diocese of East Tennessee

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 18	Liz & Jon Berg
May 21	Dawson Hope
May 23	David Pate
May 23	Mark & Jen Hennes
May 26	Debbie Hines
May 28	John Cardwell

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

May 18	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Dawson Hope	Altar Guild: Donna Bye
EM	Mark Hennes	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild: Bev Baumgardner
Lector	Jerry Ploeger	Judy Egan	Organist: Judy Moyer
Usher	Jen Hennes	Andy Hadjian & Dave St. John	Celebrant: Rev. Rebecca Bridges
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	Jenny Lucas	
Coffee Hour	Rosemary Kitts	Ginny Tolbert	Monday Volunteer (5/19)
Counters	n/a	Andy Hadjian & Jean Cardwell	Mark H3nnes
Video	n/a	Ann Murphy	

NEXT WEEK

May 25	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Jack Lefler	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild: Judy Egan & Janey Coombes
EM	Andrew Wilkinson	Judy Egan	Flower Guild: Betty Martin
Lector	Diane Van Koughnett	Karin O'Callaghan	Organist: Judy Moyer
Usher	Jerry Ploeger	Art Stewart & Garry Lucas	Celebrant: Rev. Rebecca Bridges
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers	Dave St. John	
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	Monday Volunteer (5/26)
Counters	n/a	Alice Anderson & Dave St. John	N/A CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
Video	n/a	Monty Ross	

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, May 19

5:30 p.m. - Loudon High School track
team end-of-season BBQ (Cardwell)

7:00 p.m. - AA (open meeting)

Sunday, May 25

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, spoken, Rite II

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, choral, Rite II

Monday, May 26

Office closed, Memorial Day

New Church Office Hours

Mondays - Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursdays Closed

Fridays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

COMING UP . . .

Friday, May 30 - Office closed -
open Thursday May 29 instead

**Check your Parish Tidings
for upcoming details!**

*Email office@episcopalloudon.com to have your
ministry or committee's activities or meetings
added to the parish calendar.*

*Rev. Rebecca can be reached through the
following email: rector@episcopalloudon.com.*

*Should you wish to schedule time to meet with
her, please coordinate directly with her,
via email.*

TODAY'S ART



Peter's Vision of a Sheet with Animals
Oil on Canvas, 1619

Domenico Fetti, 1589-1623

Italian Painter

Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria

Public domain

This painting captures the essence of Peter's vision of a sheet with animals, an iconic moment in Christian history.

This Baroque masterpiece by Domenico Fetti depicts Saint Peter, one of Jesus Christ's twelve apostles

and the first pope, experiencing a divine revelation. As described in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter sees a sheet filled with unclean animals descending from heaven. This powerful vision challenges traditional Jewish dietary laws and symbolizes God's acceptance of all people regardless of their background or status.

Fetti masterfully portrays Saint Peter's astonishment and loyalty to his faith through intricate brushwork and vibrant colors. The oil on wood technique adds depth to every detail, enhancing our connection to this pivotal biblical event. As we gaze upon this artwork, we are reminded not only of Saint Peter's unwavering commitment but also how Christianity evolved into an inclusive religion that embraces diversity. This image serves as a testament to the enduring power of faith and its ability to transcend cultural boundaries.

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<https://www.mediastorehouse.com/heritage-images/peters-vision-sheet-animals-15036008.html>