



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Good morning! We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today. Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you are here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

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, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue Hymnal 1982. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (The Gloria) is found before hymn I.

To learn more about Resurrection, check out www.episcopalloudon.com,
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find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Fill out a visitor card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to subscribe to our weekly church email, the Parish Tidings, for all the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook,
facebook.com/episcopalloudon or on YouTube [@ChurchoftheResurrectionLoudon](https://YouTube).

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Service of the Word

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Christ is alive, let Christians sing

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 182

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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.**

Collect of the Day

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 7: 55-60

Lector A 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.**

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

Congregation reads bold lines.

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.

Lector and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson: I Peter 2: 2-10

Lector A reading 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.**

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as able.

Come my way, my truth, my life (verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal 487

The Gospel: John 14: 1-14

Celebrant 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.”

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

Sequence Hymn

Come my way, my truth, my life (verse 3)

Hymnal 487

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as able.

**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

Common Worship, Intercessions for Eastertide

Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, kneeling, or sitting as able.

Intercessor We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace
of your gospel to the nations.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry

and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, praying especially for

People **Jackie & Russ C., Jeanette, Walter, Jim N., Lee R., Vicky & Dave, the McAfee family, Marshall S., Brenda B., and all who are in pain or distress; and all who are suffering due to oppression, war, gun violence, or natural disasters.**

Intercessor Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you.
Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

Celebrant Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Silence is held for individual confession before we say the Confession together.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 (say) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-129

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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.

On the 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.

Celebrant 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. (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-146

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All *The Lord's Prayer*

BCP 364

**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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleuia, 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-163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away 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. 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, you may come forward along with those receiving communion.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you prefer a blessing.

Communion Hymn

(congregation, please join choir in singing)

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Hymnal 517

Post-Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings § The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

The Church's one foundation

Hymnal 525

The Dismissal

Postlude

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

Today's altar flowers
are given in honor of
Chip and Carolyn Parker's
66th wedding anniversary,
which was April 30.

The Feast of Pentecost is Sunday, May 24

We will join together for 'one worship service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour extravaganza. More details to come!

Requesting Flower Donations

We all enjoy the variety of flowers that enhance our worship times each week and are asking members to consider participating as they wish. The usual donation is \$50 and is accompanied by the dedication (e.g., in honor or memory of a loved one, or for someone's birthday or anniversary).

Both can be turned into the office, as well as written on the flower chart (upstairs in the Parish Hall).

Questions? Contact Amy in the church office, or Rosemary Kitts, Flower Guild coordinator.

Our parish prayer list
Jackie & Russ C., Jeanette, Jim N., Walter, Vicky & Dave, Lee R., the McAfee family, Marshall S., and Brenda B.,

Continuing prayers for
Brian E., Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.; the Hentchel family; Pat; 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.

Pray for our vestry leaders
Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Class of 2028: Holly P., Tom R., Bonnie S.
Wardens: Bonnie S. and Mark H.;
Treasurer: Sally L.

May Birthdays
Will Heathcote May 4
Ron Bailey May 12
Lois Koenig May 14
Jacob Cardwell May 22
David Pate May 23
Debbie Hines May 26
John Cardwell May 28

May Anniversaries
Liz and Jon Berg May 23
Jen and Mark Hennes May 23

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

May 3	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Mark Smith	Altar Guild Jenny Lucas & Dianna Stimpson
Euch. Minister	Judy Hadjian	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild Rosemary Kitts
Lector	Jerry Ploeger	Tony Adams	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	TBD	Monty Ross & Art Stewart	
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Jackie Buttinelli	Celebrant-Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Offering Counters Liz Berg &
Chancellor	Diane Van Koughnett	David Baumgardner	Alice Anderson

NEXT WEEK

May 10	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Monty Ross	Altar Guild Donna Bye
Euch. Minister	Mark Hennes	Drew Hawley	Flower Guild Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Holly Pate	Liz Berg	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Jen Hennes	Andy Hadjian & Garry Lucas	
Coffee Hour	Rosemary Kitts	Jenny Lucas	Celebrant-Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Offering Counters Ginny Tolbert &
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	Nelda Griffith	Jean Cardwell

This Week at Resurrection

Sunday, May 3

Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Coffee hour after the services, Parish Hall

Monday, May 4

10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom

Tuesday, May 5

1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library

Wednesday, May 6

Spoken Noon Eucharist, Nave

Sunday, May 10

Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Coffee hour after the services, Parish Hall

Coming Soon @ Resurrection

Sunday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.

Joint worship service for Pentecost
Coffee hour extravaganza to follow!

Email Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Becky Bridges:
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Art & Scripture Reflection

Vittore Carpaccio. *The Stoning of St Stephen*, 1520, Oil on canvas, Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart; Acquired with the Barbini-Breganze Collection in 1852, no. 311, bpk Bildagentur / Staatsgalerie Stuttgart / Art Resource, NY

Vittore Carpaccio's *Stoning of Stephen* is the final canvas in a narrative cycle of the saint's life that was commissioned by the Scuola of Santo Stefano in Venice—a confraternity combining devotional, festive, and philanthropic functions.

In all the scenes, beginning with his consecration as deacon, Stephen is shown wearing his liturgical vestments. In the *Stoning* he kneels close to the right margin, vested in a dalmatic of red and gold over his white alb, with a maniple hanging from his wrist. Seen in its original location to the left of the altar, Stephen's celestial vision would have appeared to hover above the altar where deacons assisted in the celebration of Mass for members of the confraternity.

Carpaccio sets the scene in a spacious landscape. Jerusalem on the hill to the left is shadowed by cloud, while sunlight bathes the upturned face of Stephen to the right. Turbaned figures process through the walls of the city towards the foreground, where Stephen's audience is gathered. Carpaccio depicts them as varied in skin color and costume. They turn towards each other, some perhaps enraged by Stephen's earlier speech in which he had proclaimed Christ as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets (Acts 7:2–53), others by his declaration that he could see 'the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God' (Acts 7:56). At the centre of the group the High Priest with long white beard looks on, stern and impassive.

Seated on the ground and hemmed in at the left corner, we discover the figure of Saul wearing the fancy scarlet hose and expensive tunic typical of the youthful patricians of Venice. Just like Stephen, he lifts his face towards the light and directs his gaze towards the same vision. A red mantle lies at his feet, and he raises a green one towards his beard. Together, Saul's upturned face and mysteriously raised cloth suggest dawning enlightenment, albeit still mixed with incomprehension. A standing figure behind Saul, perhaps his alter ego, bears the large sword that will be the attribute of the Apostle Paul.

Commentary source

Paul Hills. 2018. 'Incomprehension and the Seed of Faith,' in *The Visual Commentary on Scripture* ed. by Ben Quash. (London: The Visual Commentary on Scripture Foundation). [Accessed 28.4.2026] <https://thevcs.org/stoning-stephen#incomprehension-and-seed-faith>
