

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# HOLY EUCHARIST



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# THE WORD OF GOD

Book Of Common Prayer, pp. 355-60

In the Episcopal Church, the Prelude typically refers to a piece of music that is played immediately before the beginning of a service and generally reflects the theme, liturgical season, or occasion of the day.

The Prelude 'Christ is Our Light'

G. Boehm

(Please stand)



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Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative, calling us together. Our first act of public worship, then, is to heed God's call and to join with others in praising Him. These words remind us that our worship centers in God, not in ourselves.

Sometimes called a Prayer of Illumination, this Collect asks that the Holy Spirit open our minds and our hearts to the Word so that we may not only hear but understand, believe and praise God.

As a Trinitarian acclamation, the Gloria is an appropriate way to acknowledge with thanks and joy that we are the beneficiaries of the unmerited gift of God's grace and mercy.

### Welcome

## **Opening Bidding and Acclamation**

■ We meet in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

# The Collect for Purity

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.

People Amen.

### Gloria in excelsis Deo



In light of God's great saving work, this prayer asks God to help us serve him faithfully. 'Collect' is from the Latin 'collecta' meaning a gathering together.

At services in the ancient Jewish synagogue, a series of biblical lessons were read, a practice imitated in Christian worship from early times.

## The Salutation and Collect

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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.

(Please sit)

### The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Peter's report to the church at Jerusalem.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

For Jews and Christians, this ancient songbook of prayers is one of the primary resources for worship. They were also Jesus' prayers—recall his allusions various psalms throughout the Gospels, such as Psalm 22:1 in Matt. 27:46 and Mk. 15:34, Pss. 42:5, 11, and 43:5 in Matt. 26:38, Jn. 12:27. The psalms are emotive, repetitious, contradictory, earthy, angry and full of wonder at simple things.

The Psalm Psalm 148



The Name of the LORD is ex - alt - ed a - bove heav - en and earth,



hal - le - lu - jah.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

## Refrain

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

## Refrain

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together.

### Refrain

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven. 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.

Refrain

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

The new heaven and the new earth.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

The Gradual Hymn 'When Christ was Lifted from the Earth' - Hymn 603 (H-1982)



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(Please stand)

The reading from the Gospels, the climactic reading, has attracted special ceremonies, such as standing, at least as far back as the late fourth century. The reading of the Gospel and the book itself symbolize the presence of Christ in the liturgy of the word just as the Eucharistic prayer and the Eucharistic elements symbolize His presence in the liturgy of the altar.

The sermon may teach; it may even be therapeutic; it may offer a more profound knowledge of the biblical text, but these are all side effects, not the main point of preaching. Though the reading and preaching of the Word are not a sacrament, it is sacramental. That is to say, by reading and preaching, Christ does indeed become present to the congregation, just as He becomes present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of belief widely used in Christian liturgy. It is called Nicene because it was originally adopted in the city of Nicaea (present -day İznik, Turkey) by the First Council of Nicaea in 325. In 381, it was amended at the First Council of Constantinople, and the amended form is referred to as the Nicene or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. It defines Nicene Christianity. The Oriental Orthodox and Assyrian churches use this profession of faith with the verbs in the original plural ("we believe"), but the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic churches convert those verbs to the singular ("I believe"). The Anglican and many Protestant denominations generally use the singular form, sometimes the plural.

The Holy Gospel John 13:31-35

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

▼ 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please sit)

### The Sermon

(Please stand)

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, People the Father, the Almight

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 BCP uses the title "Prayers of the People" for the oratio fidelium or general intercessions in the Eucharist. Such prayers have a long and venerable history. Their existence was first mentioned by Justin Martyr about the year 150, and for centuries they formed a vital part of the Daily Office and Eucharistic liturgy. In the early church they usually included a long series of biddings that were chanted by a deacon, to each of which the people responded with Kyrie eleison.

The Confession of Sin is the corporate acknowledgement of our sin (missing the mark) and our desire to live into the fullness of God's call for us.

In the Absolution the priest proclaims God's abundant grace and declares forgiveness to all.

The Peace is an ancient practice among Christians. It is a sign of love, affection, reconciliation, and greeting.

# The Parish Prayer

Let us pray -

Gracious Father,

People

your loving providence has brought us into

the sacred fellowship of this parish.

Help us to praise you with such holy worship; serve you with unselfish love; and to give so generously for the spread of your kingdom that we may be worthy members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, faithfully fulfilling our mission: to make known your truth, help the needy, and proclaim the abundant life in your name.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## The Intercessions

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

People

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.

## The Absolution

➡ 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.

People Amen.

(Please stand)

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord)

# The Offertory Hymn 'O Praise Ye the Lord!' - Hymn 432 (H-1982)





Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

## **The Offertory Sentence**

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!

## The Offertory Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,

the splendor and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you and of your own do we give to you.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

For us it becomes the bread of heaven.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

# In the words of Sursum Corda we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Christ, in whom and through whom creation is restored in God's perfect likeness and all creation is united to God

and each other. The con-

secratory prayer concludes

with the Great AMEN.

The Eucharistic Preface to begin the Eucharistic Prayer expresses the great richness of the liturgical seasons - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and so on. They are theological lyrics, sometimes of great beauty.

In the Sanctus we join with saints and angels and all of creation in a song of praise and

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Book Of Common Prayer, pp. 361-66

### Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

### The Eucharistic Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in us the image of your glory.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness; while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

# Sanctus and Benedictus





Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

(Please kneel)

### **Words of Institution**

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.

Jesus did four important things when he shared bread with the disciples: he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it. And after he rose from the dead, the disciples recognized Jesus by these same four actions. He did the same when he fed the crowd of five thousand people who had heard him come to preach (Matt. 14).

These Words of Institution ('Do this for the remembrance of me') are addressed not to the congregation, but to God. This is not a reenactment of the Last Supper, but a prayer to God.

The Memorial Acclamation follows the Institution narrative - the words Jesus used at the Last Supper over bread and wine. It is our response to God's coming to dwell among us, particularly in the transformation of bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood.

The Epiclesis is a liturgical invocation of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of consecrating the Eucharistic elements. It follows the Words of Institution and is regarded as the point at which the eucharistic bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ.

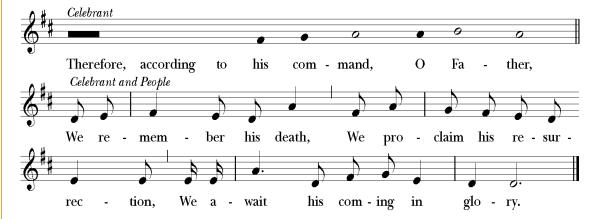
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you.

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."

### The Memorial Acclamation



## **Epiclesis**

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.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ's self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.

Bread is broken in order to be shared. Symbolically Christians have seen in the breaking of the bread a reminder of the Lord's body broken on the cross and of our own need to be broken in order both to share in the life of Christ and to share that life with others.

Agnus Dei is the Latin name under which the "Lamb of God" is honored within the Eucharist and, by extension, other Christian liturgies descending from the Latin tradition.

Ecce Agnus Dei ('Behold the Lamb of God') was spoken by John the Baptist immediately before he baptized Christ.

## The Lord's Prayer

And now,

as our Savior Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say -

People 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.

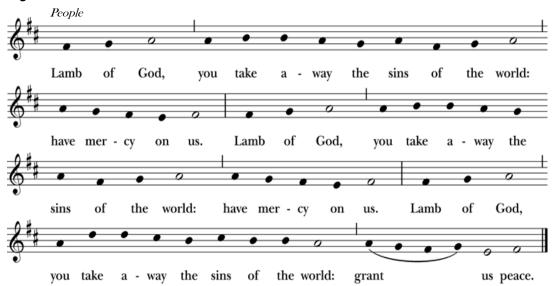
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

### The Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

# Agnus Dei



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### Ecce Agnus Dei

₱ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy to receive you; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

## The Invitation

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.

Come.

**The Post-communion Prayer** 

Let us pray -

People 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.

ing prayer but God's blessing pronounced by the

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; ♣ and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son.

and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

(Please sit)

Welcome, Parish Announcements

(Please stand)

The Recessional Hymn (see next page)

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude 'I Know that My Redeemer Lives' M. Burkhardt

The final part of Holy

Communion proclaims our going out. Unlike all

other prayers in the service, here we proclaim

our readiness to go out

into the world to love

and to serve God. Nour-

ished with the body and

blood of Christ, we are ready to do God's work

The Blessing is not a clos-

priest on the congregation

as it is about to leave. We

go out to meet joys and

obligations, pleasures and troubles, secure in the

shelter of God's trustwor-

thy Word, and strong in its

power.

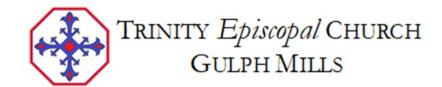
in the world.

The term 'Dismissal' comes from the Latin Ite, missa est, "Go, it is the sending."

Postlude is the lesserknown counterpart to "prelude". At the root of both terms is the Latin verb 'ludere' ("to play"), and a postlude is essentially "something played afterward."



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### WELCOME TO TRINITY

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone at Trinity welcomes you and rejoices in sharing together. For more than a century this congregation from Gulph Mills, King of Prussia and Conshohocken has been worshiping, celebrating, and serving this community. We hope you will come again and join us in our faith-inspired hospitality and discipleship.

### **OUR CALLING**

Trinity welcomes all, gathering in faith, serving in love, and proclaiming the abundant life with hope through Jesus Christ.

#### **OUR VALUES**

Trinity is a church that values: reverent sacramental worship, gracious hospitality and care, generous and spontaneous outreach and comprehensive Christian formation.

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We hold before God our parish, praying especially for those who are sick, homebound, or in pastoral need, especially Patty McBride, Lorna Nixon, Fatima Wall, and Sally Abbruzzi.

We also remember in our prayers relatives and friends in need – Ronald James Spence, Beverly Hamilton, Brody Matthew Beasley, David Shoemaker, and Christopher Prante.

### LAY LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher Fr
Usher M
Lectors Ba

**Today**Fr. David Green
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