



An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Prelude "Versus from the T.D Deum" Anonymous

Opening Hymn "Father, we praise thee, now the night is over" Hymn #1

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

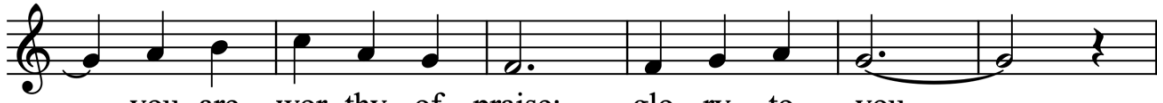
The Celebrant may say

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.**

Song of Praise



Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord God of our fa - thers;



you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. _____



Glo-ry to you _____ for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name;



_____ we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____



Glo-ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; _____ on the



throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. _____ Glo - ry to you,



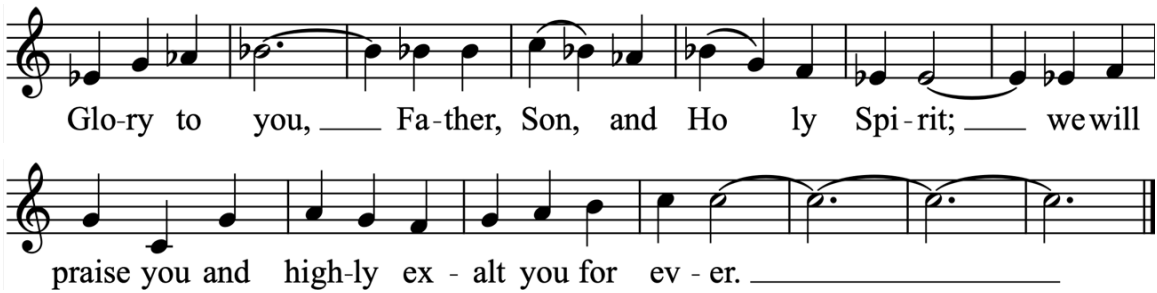
seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we wil praise you and



high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____ Glo - ry to you, _____ be -



holding the depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. _____



Glo-ry to you, — Fa-ther, Son, and Ho ly Spi-rit; — we will
 praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The 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.**

First Lesson

(Acts 7:55-60)

Reader 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

- ¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ²Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
- ³Be 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.
- ⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength. ***Antiphon***
- ⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(1 Peter 2:2-10)

Reader 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.”

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.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

Authorized text from Enriching our Worship 2

**Asterisks indicate a variance from the* Book of Common Prayer.

**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,

***was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

***and became truly human.**

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,**

***who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

***who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all public officials: Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, and all those running for office. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Matthew, our Diocesan Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for the staff, volunteers, and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Lunch. And we pray for those who are sick [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

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

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

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Offertory Hymn "Jesus lives! thy terrors now"

Hymn #194

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP Pg. 361)

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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 the one

who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may kneel or stand

Then 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 . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The Celebrant continues

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 . . .

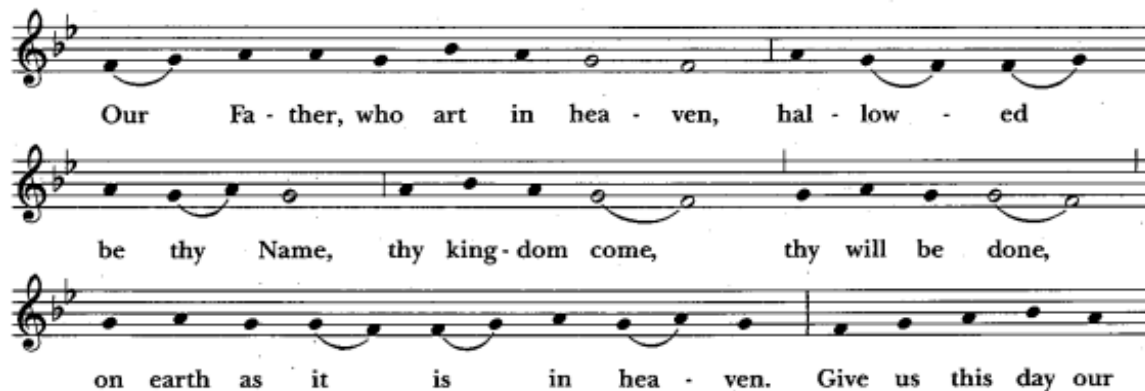
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:



dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Cantor
 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.

If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.

Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

The priest blesses the congregation. The congregation responds with: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

Hymn #182

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

“Gue fugue on the Kerie”

Couperin

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Roger Mertins

ALTAR GUILD: Kathie Thompson

FIRST READER: Becky Turk

SECOND READER: Hazel Dickfoss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Geoff Greeley

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

ORGANIST: Jim Winfield

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Jessica MacPhail

USHERS: Mike Dillon, Becky Turk

COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

The Church of North India (United)

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

Brown Bag Ministry

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah,
George, Gregory, Andrea, DaMary, John, Marcos, Esther, Irene, Lois, David, Bill, Ramon
Homebound: Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Hospitality Center**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Brittany, Olivia

Today's **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of past St. Monica's Guild members and in grateful thanksgiving for current ones.

Personal Reflection of the Sermon

My three goals for the next three months to make St. Luke's more welcoming and inclusive:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3

Are you willing to share these goals? If you want help, feedback or support, email Fr. Matthew: curiouspriest@gmail.com

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