

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude:

Three Settings on “Engelberg” *Based on hymn 296*

“Fanfare” and “Bicinium”

John Behnke

“Méditation française”

Brenda Portman

Opening Hymn

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more” Hymn #296

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

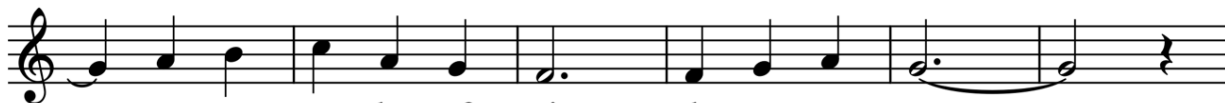
The Celebrant may say

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

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 11:1-18)

Reader 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."

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

Psalm 148

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



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

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- ²Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- ³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away. ***Antiphon***
- ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing Gods will;
- ⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²young men and maidens, old and young together. ***Antiphon***

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.

Hallelujah! ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(Revelation 21:1-6)

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation:

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.**

The Gospel

(John 13:31-35)

Deacon 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Bob Bagley

Nicene Creed

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.

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, and Cory the Mayor of Racine. 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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, and 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, Brown Bag ministry and Racine Vocational Ministries. 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.**

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*

Offertory Voluntary

“Meditation on ‘Song 1’”
Based on hymn 315

Rosalie Bonighton

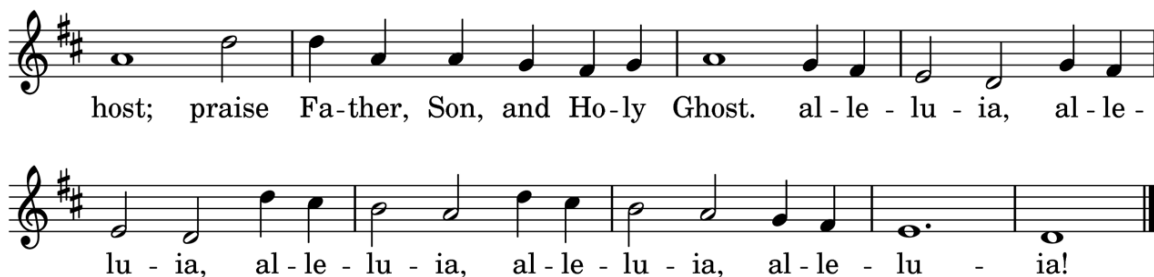
Doxology

Please Stand

As the gifts are being brought forward, the people sing:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -

low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

Music: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen", LM. al: *Geistliche Kerchengesange*, Cologne, 1623.

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



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 pow - er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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:

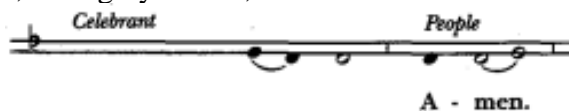


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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 . . .

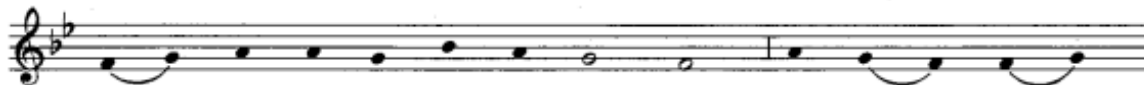
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed



be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,



on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our



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.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.

Communion Hymn

“Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray”

Hymn #315

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “O what their joy and their glory must be” Hymn #623

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude “Toccata in Seven” John Rutter

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

ACOLYTES: Michelle and Sofia Reyes

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost

FIRST READER: Geoff Greeley

SECOND READER: Leah Nakamura

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Hazel Dickfoss

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Roger Metins

USHERS: Amber Beth, Mike Dillon, Becky Turk

CANTOR: Jim Cook

COFFEE HOUR: Men of the Church

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Olivia, Bill, Katie,
Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Michele, Gregory

Homebound: Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

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

Brown Bag Ministry

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

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

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For Those who have Departed: Al Ellingham

Thanksgiving for Birthdays and Anniversary:

Kathy, Jim

Leah and Naoki Nakamura

Special Offering

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

Today's **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family and friends by Hazel Dickfoss

Garden Angels Make a Plea

The Garden Angels who plant the beautiful flowers in our showpiece garden have asked for donations to purchase flowers for the Spring/Summer planting. If you can contribute to this wonderful cause, see Debbie Bruno or mail donation to the church office. On memo write "Garden Flowers." Thank you!

Brown Bag Lunch Date Change

Please note that due to a conflict the date of the Saturday May 31 brown bag lunches will change to Saturday, May 24. This is also Memorial Day weekend and will likely help those with insecure food sources who may be affected by holiday closings. Help is needed from St. Luke's parishioners as far as providing lunch items and preparing lunches for distribution. Please contact Tricia Frost if you are able to help on Saturday, May 24.

Announcement!

Ed and Kathy McCarthy will be received into the Episcopal Church at a Regional Confirmation and Reception Service, taking place at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1717 Church St, Wauwatosa WI 53213 today May 18 at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join and show support. If you cannot attend in person, please offer your prayers as we officially welcome our friends into our church.

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, St. Luke's will be visited by His Grace, The Most Reverend Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate of Kenya. Archbishop Sapit will be spending a part of his sabbatical at the DeKoven Center and will be visiting our parish on his first Sunday in the U.S. We will be celebrating part of our liturgy according to the Kenyan Prayer Book. That same Sunday, we will also have the baptism of Justin Skord.

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