

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 • 11:00 A.M. HISTORIC CHURCH

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Music pages are indicated in blue and can be found following page 9. During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth

(H 603) M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us; One Lord, One Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. 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.**

THE FIRST READING (Please be seated.)

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

Acts 11:1-18

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. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM HYMN Let All Creation's Wonders (Psalm 148)

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

M-2

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. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after) (H 487) M-3

THE GOSPEL (Please stand as you are able.)

John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary Sulerud

THE HOLY BAPTISM

Jade Amara Ibeka

(Parents and Godparents stand for presentation.)

Celebrant	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.	
Parents &		
Godparents	I present Jade Amara to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.	
Celebrant	Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?	
Parents &	Lwill with Cod's hole	
	I will, with God's help.	
Celebrant	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?	
Parents &		
Godparents	s I will, with God's help.	
(Celebrant asks the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.)		
Question	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?	
Answer	I renounce them.	
Question	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?	
Answer	I renounce them.	
Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?	
Answer	I renounce them.	
Question	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?	
Answer	I do.	
Question	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?	
Answer	I do.	
Question	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?	
Answer	I do.	
(Addressing	the congregation)	
Celebrant	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their lives in Christ?	
People	We will.	

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

(After each petition, the people say)

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER (*Please be seated.*)

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Jade Amara, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jade Amara, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

(A Baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and presented to the newly baptized with the following words)

Jade Amara, receive the Light of Christ.

Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

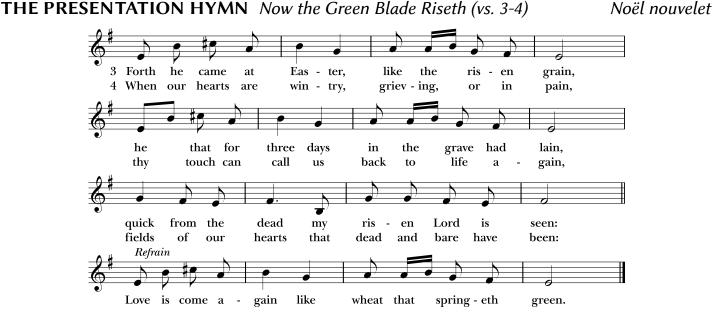
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OFFERTORY MUSIC If Ye Love Me

St. John's Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: Even the spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. (John 14:15-18)

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 (from Enriching Our Worship)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

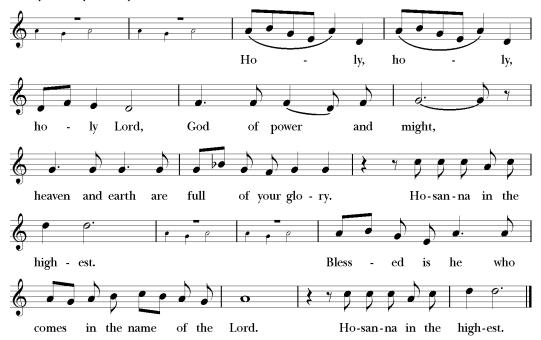
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

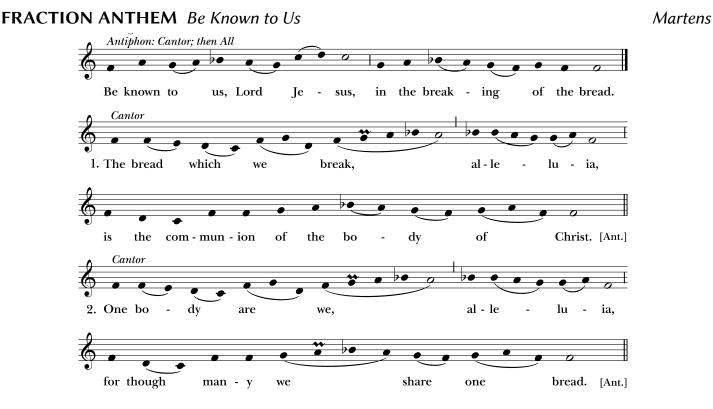
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

(A silence is held.)



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the Cup of Salvation. When only one chalice bearer is present, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The clergy will offer God's blessing to you. If you would like to receive Communion, but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION HYMNS Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	(H 324) <mark>M-4</mark>
God is Love	(H 576) <mark>M-5</mark>

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; 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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into the newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN This Joyful Eastertide

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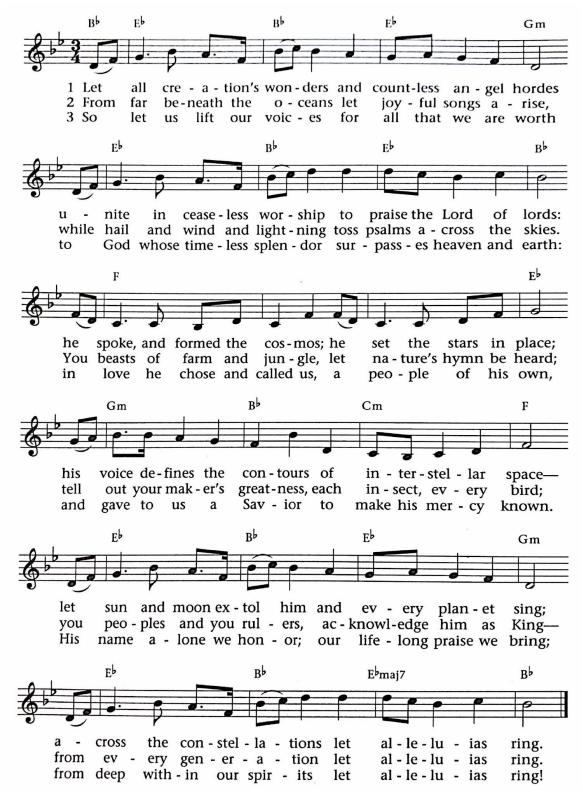
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

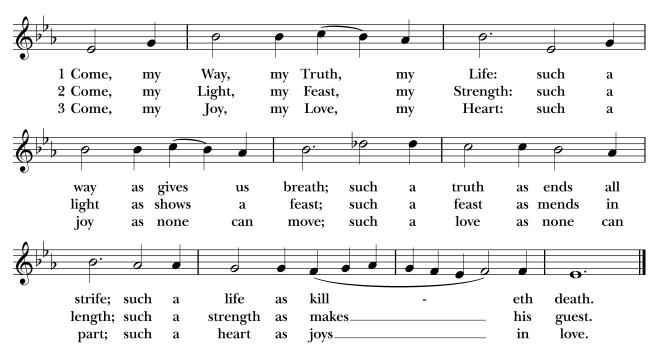


M-1 (H 603) ENTRANCE HYMN When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth





M-3 (H 487) GOSPEL HYMN Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andy, Deb Avant, Jacyn Baker, Steve Belknap, Ron & Judi Bonig, Jim Bruce, Al Cooke, Florence Dee, William Dee, William Dee, Jr., Leslie Edmonds, Kristin F., John Furda, Sunny Good, Marti Guillet, Houston Family, Jim, Williston "Pickett" Johnson. The Johnson Family, Kathryn, Kelly, John Kreft, Tom Loughran, Glenda Lovchik, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Mary Nelson, Tim Nunley, Nwosu Family, Kathy O'Dunne, Charles Osmond, Heather Paris, Kathy Phelan, Beverly Polk, Jean Purcell, Richard Rabb, Roland Russoli, Dennis Supik, George Tolen, Alicia Townsend, Debby von Uffel, Allison Ward, Dan Weston-Dawkes, Jonathan Weston-Dawkes, and Carter Yates.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Hazel Chung Hood

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in loving memory of David Richardson McKusick and Pearl & George Rabbitt and Gertrude & Eugene McKusick by Pamela McKusick.

FOR THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT RECTOR

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.

COMMUNION HYMN I Let All Mortal Flesh



M-5 (H 576) COMMUNION HYMN II God is Love

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CLOSING HYMN This Joyful Eastertide





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