



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Prelude

Opening Hymn

O God of Every Nation

H607

Deacon Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Deacon 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.**

All Gloria S280

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Deacon 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Lay Reader A reading from the Book of Acts...

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...

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

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

¹³ Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ 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. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson Revelation 21:1-6

Lay 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." ...The Word of the Lord...

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

H487

Gospel John 13:31-35

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

All 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Rev. Debra Loder

(A period of silence follows. The Acolyte leads the people in the confession of our faith.)

The 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 and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

(The Acolyte leads the People in the Prayers)

Acolyte In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Acolyte For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Acolyte For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Acolyte For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Acolyte For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Acolyte For reconciliation with Native American peoples;

People For healing and justice with all who share this land.

Acolyte For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Acolyte For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in His Church.

Acolyte For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Acolyte Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Acolyte We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

Acolyte We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence - The People may add their own petitions

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

A period of silence follows. The Deacon adds a concluding prayer:

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, not as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

THE PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Congregational Song **Let There Be Peace on Earth** (*The text is inside of the back cover of the hymnal.*)

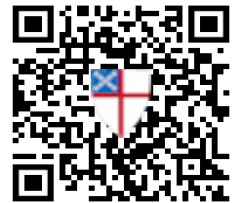
Deacon The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

All: **And whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all.**

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Please sit, stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer

Offertory Sentence Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8



All

Doxology

H380 v3

The Deacon proceeds:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life.

May this sacrament of praise and thanksgiving bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness and everlasting salvation. Assure us of your mercy, and sanctify us by your heavenly grace; that we, approaching you with a pure heart and cleansed conscience, may offer you

ourselves, our souls and bodies, to your glory. Blessed be your holy name for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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

People **The Lord's Prayer**

Deacon 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Deacon The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Communicant **Amen.**

Acolyte The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Communicant **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Deacon Let us pray.

All **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.**

THE BLESSING

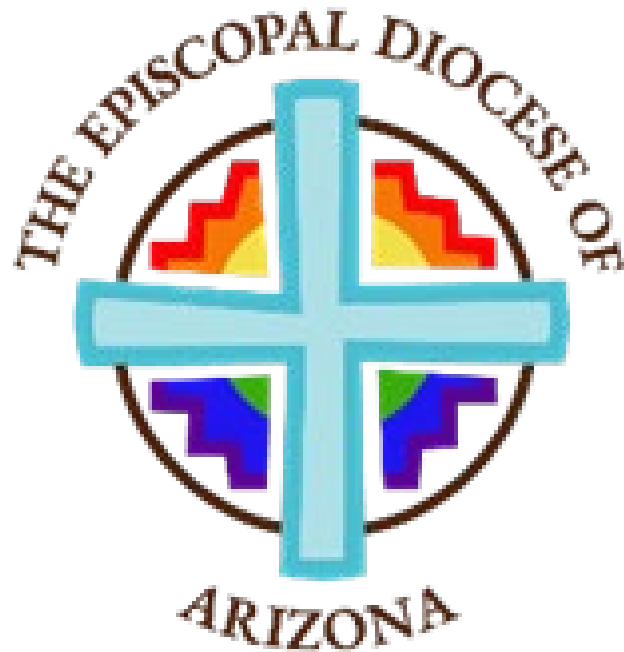
Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father. Let us set out, then, on a new life with Christ, living in the joy of God's mercy and grace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **In Christ There is No East or West**

H529

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you would like to be contacted, need prayer, or wish to know more about the church, please fill out one of the pew cards or ask an usher for information.

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Family & Friends Prayer List

For healing and recovery:

Eric Joseph	Jewell Hall
Randy Morse	Betty Hanson
Billy Jack Wright	Zachary Bertolette
Jan Savoie	

The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing List

Peter Podell	Hartley Bennett
Sandy Schlegel	Jim Bansner
Medical Mission: Dr. Frank Parker	
All first responders	
All Healthcare workers	
All funeral directors and staff	
All those affected by incarceration	
Peace for the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and Russia	

Military Prayer List

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

U.S. Air Force	Colby	Harlan
	Thomas	
U.S. Army	Andrew	
U.S. Navy	Abe	Landon
	McKenzie	

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

May 18 Church of the Epiphany, Flagstaff, and our companion diocese: the Diocese of Western Mexico

Pray for God's blessing on the leaders and people of this parish.

Worship Ministry

Sunday 5/18	Rev. Debra Loder
Acolyte	Erica/Michael
Altar Guild	Dave Loder
Usher	Linda Brockwell
Lector	Francoise Marshall
Bishop's Committee	Michael**/Patti
Sunday 5/25	Rev. Mike Seiler
Acolyte	Erica/Michael
Altar Guild	Mary Piccinini
Usher	Kelly Ryan
Lector	Caroline Markham
Bishop's Committee	Erica**/Deb M

Announcements ECW Coffee Time

Upcoming:

5/5-5/20 Fr. Mike vacation
5/18 Bishop's Committee meeting
5/18 Parish Nurse
5/20 ECW meeting with potluck lunch @ 11:30 AM
5/21 Taizé service @ 6 PM
5/25 SALT lunch
5/26 Memorial Day-Office closed
6/07 Church History class @ 10 AM

Reminding everyone that *Adult Forum* meets at 9:00. All men and women are invited.

Project SALT Food for 5/25: Toiletries (soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)

Note: Daily morning prayer has been replaced with a monthly Prayer/Breakfast.

Prayer leader for this week Michael Campbell



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Vicar
Deacon
Music Director
Office Manager
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall
The Rev. Mike Seiler
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