



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ROGATION SUNDAY  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C  
May 10, 2026, 10AM

## Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!  
Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (the red book) and  
also uses texts from *Enriching Our Worship*, a collection of supplemental  
resources approved for use in The Episcopal Church.  
Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin  
and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Mary Maher & Helena Rawitz  
by Eleanor Rawitz.*



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people are seated for the readings.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 66:7-18

(Stanford)

Anglican Chant

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

## SEQUENCE ALLELUIA

*Sung three times*

Taizé

Al-le - lu - ia, al le lu -

-ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

*People*

Glo - ry to you Lord Christ

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

## SERMON

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.





*The people remain standing.*

*Presider*

We give thanks to you, O God...  
...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to you...  
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

*Presider*

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


*All* **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 period of silence is kept.*

**Presider**

Christ our Passover




Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

**2 People**

There fore let us keep the feast.

**All**



Al - le - lu - ia

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Now I Walk in Beauty  
Choirs

Navajo Round  
arr. Gregg Smith

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base.*

***Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.***

*To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.*

*Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
organ

Garth Edmundson

COMMUNION HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
(St. Elizabeth)

Hymnal 383

*The people stand.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider 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.

The congregation will follow the clergy and choir during the final hymn.  
The Rogation Prayers will take place outside.  
Please bring this bulletin with you.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

## ROGATION PRAYER

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider*

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all life, let your blessing be upon these grounds of Grace Church. Bless those who tend shrubs, trees and flowers, and may these symbols of your beauty gladden our hearts and refresh our spirits. **Amen.**

Gracious God, bless these buildings that they may house and prepare your people for ministry and praise. So bless our parish grounds and all who enter them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

That it may please you to grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures.

**We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to bless the lands and waters and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people  
**We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age.

**We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

**COLLECT FOR STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION**          BCP, p. 259

*Presider*

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**EASTER BLESSING**

*The Presider invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond **Amen.***

**DISMISSAL**

*The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.*

*Response*    **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Kinyon

*Rogation Band*

Read about the music in our service.

[www.annematlack.wordpress.com](http://www.annematlack.wordpress.com)

**Grace Prayer List**

We pray for all who are in need, especially Wendy, Catilin, Brian, Nicholas, Rachel, Don, Connor, Peter, Eileen, Bob, Joyce, Katie, Leo, Julian, Ruth, David, Brian, Margaret, Richard, Kackie, Marianne, Paul, Eloise, Croft, Matt, John, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Brigitte, Elizabeth, Brian, Sue.

**Pray for those who have died** especially Matthew Spelker

## Grace Calendar Highlights

TODAY at 3PM *Harmonium Chamber Singers* **Longing**, Church

An exploration of longing for love, for justice, and for joy, with works ranging from Renaissance to contemporary.

Tues, May 12, 7PM **Men's Gathering**, Library

Mon, May 18, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, Library, *The Island of Sea Women*

Tues, May 19, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, contact Bruce Rudin

Tues, May 26, 7PM **Circle of Women**, *Library*

Sun, May 31, 10AM **Senior Sermons & Choir Recognition**

Sat, June 2, 7PM **Confirmation Service**, Church

### *Greater Community*

Mon, June 2, 1-7PM **Blood Drive**, *Grace Hall*

Sun, June 3, 3PM **Hegg Awards**, St. Peter's Morristown

June 6 & 7 Harmonium's **Ride the Storm**, Morristown United Methodist

Mon, June 15 **Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament**, *Copper Hill Country Club*

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### **Clergy**

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

### **Wardens**

Heidi Griffiee

Chris Hauck

### **Worship Services**

*Holy Eucharist Services*

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

*Morning Prayer*

Wednesday 8:30AM Zoom

Saturday 8:30AM Zoom

### **Staff**

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

Eve Albiston, Hadley Bendelius, Cathleen Nunn,

Annabelle Palmer, *Junior Head Choristers*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

Dan Baulig, *Head Usher*

Audrey Bendelius, Peter Munter

& Lucy Waterstredt, *Head Acolytes*

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*

Jose Bonilla, *Sexton*