

May 5, 2026

10:30 am

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### Welcome

#### Opening Hymn, “Alleluia Sing To Jesus”

*William Chatterton Dix*

Alleluia sing to Jesus  
His the sceptre his the throne  
Alleluia his the triumph  
His the victory alone  
Hark the songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood  
Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia King eternal  
Thee the Lord of lords we own  
Alleluia born of Mary  
Earth Thy footstool heaven Thy throne  
Thou within the veil hast entered  
Robed in flesh our great high priest  
Thou on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

*People* ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People* ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me:

*People* ***“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”***

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord:

*People* ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

*All*                    ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

*Celebrant*        Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

*People*            ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified at home.

*People*            ***Be glorified in church.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified in Texas.

*People*            ***Be glorified in the United States.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified on earth.

*People*            ***Be glorified in heaven.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*        Alleluia!

*People*            ***Amen.***

### **The Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Celebrant*        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 glory: 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 Lesson is from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6, beginning to read at verse 20.**

<sup>20</sup>“When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?’ <sup>21</sup> then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. <sup>22</sup> And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. <sup>23</sup> And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. <sup>24</sup> And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. <sup>25</sup> And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.’ (ESV)

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 66:1-8**      *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

1      Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
          *sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.*

2      Say to God, “How wonderful are your works; \*  
          *through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.*

3      For all the world shall worship you, \*  
          *sing to you, and praise your Name.”*

4      O come and see the works of God, \*  
          *how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.*

5      He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; \*  
          *therefore in him let us rejoice.*

6      He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
          *let not the rebellious exalt themselves.*

7      Bless our God, you peoples, \*  
          *and make the voice of his praise to be heard,*

8      Who holds our soul in life, \*  
          *and does not allow our feet to slip.*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Second Lesson is from the First Letter of St. Peter, chapter 2, beginning to read at verse 1.**

2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. (ESV)

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

**Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”**

*Lynn De Shazo*

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)***

***Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 14, beginning to read at verse 1.**

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?  
<sup>10</sup> 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (ESV)

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Christ***

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**Sermon**

*The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

***All*** ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

*Psalmist* We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

*All* ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

*Psalmist* Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*All* ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

*Psalmist* We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

*All* ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Steve, our Archbishop; Bishop Julian Dobbs, Dean of the Province; Clark, our Bishop; Lamido, our Archbishop-in-residence; Chuck and Josiah, our priests; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

*All* ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

*All* ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

*Psalmist* For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

*All* ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ; and that they will be comforted by God if their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

*All* ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift-up St. Lydia's Anglican Church in Lafayette, LA. We ask your anointing upon the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would use our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*All* ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

*All* ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

*Celebrant* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant* Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All* ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

*All* ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And with your spirit.***

### **Offertory Song, "The Way"**

*Daniel Bashta, Ben Smith, Pat Barrett*

Through every battle through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance I believe  
That You are my fortress oh You are my portion  
You are my hiding place oh I believe You are

*Chorus:* The Way the Truth the Life I believe You are  
The Way the Truth the Life I believe

Through every blessing through every promise  
Through every breath I take I believe  
That You are provider You are protector  
You are the One I love I believe You are (*Chorus*)

*Bridge:* It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts they can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when I believe You are (*Chorus*)

### **Doxology**

*All sing* ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord,  
*People* ***And of your own have we given you.***

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People* ***He is.***

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People* ***He is.***

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People* ***He is.***

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People* ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***

*Celebrant* We are His people.

*People* ***We are redeemed.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***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.***

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious crowd, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give You thanks because You raised Him gloriously from the dead; through Him You have given us the resurrection hope, for our life will be changed, not taken away, when our mortal flesh is laid aside, we will enter our everlasting dwelling place to live with Him.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

**“Sanctus”**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, ‘Take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me’.

*People* ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: ‘Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me’.

*People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People* ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People* ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

*Celebrant* This is the feast of victory!

*People* ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

## The Communion

*Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:*

*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.*

*People Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.*

*Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,*

*People is a sharing in the blood of Christ.*

*Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.*

*People Christ is the host and we are His guests.*

*Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.*

*People We are because He is.*

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

**“Behold the Lamb”**

*Dottie Rambo*

***Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O Holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb. Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him, praise Him. Heaven and earth resound. Back to beginning.***

**Communion Songs, “Remembrance”**

*Chris Davenport, Benjamin Hastings*

I take the bread of life broken for all my sin  
Your body crucified to make me whole again  
I will recall the cup poured out in sacrifice  
To trade this sinner’s end for Your new covenant

*Chorus:* Hallelujah I’ll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah Your promise I won’t forget

I’ll walk salvation’s road with fear and trembling  
Your way born as my own as Christ is formed in me (*Chorus*)

*Bridge:* If ever I should lose my way  
If ever I deny Your grace  
Remind me of the price You paid  
Hallelujah I'll live in remembrance  
You've been so, so good to me  
You've been so, so good to me  
Oh to think where I would be  
If not for You, if not for You  
As far as heights reach from the depths  
As far as east is from the west  
So far Your grace has carried me  
Until I see You face to face  
Until at last I've won my race  
Remind me You're not finished yet  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
I'll live in remembrance

**"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"**

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*Chorus1:* But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine and tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*Chorus2:* But mine is peace that flows from Heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His Name

*Chorus3:* But mine is armor for the battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

*Chorus4:* And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

*Bridge:* Come rejoice now o my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

**“Holy Water”** *Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash*

God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You oh I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You oh I need You

*Chorus:* Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water on my skin

Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You oh God I need You  
So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You oh God I need You oh (*Chorus*)

*Bridge:* I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God I need it every day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change (*x3, Chorus*)

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.*

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn, “Resurrection Hymn”

*Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead love has won  
Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

*Celebrant* Words of dismissal.

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

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