

*The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY  
An Episcopal Church*

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026*

9:30 am

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# GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

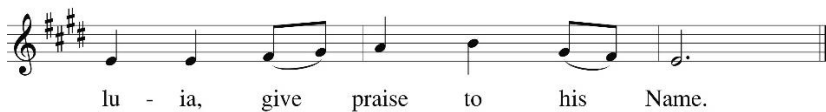
## Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Prelude

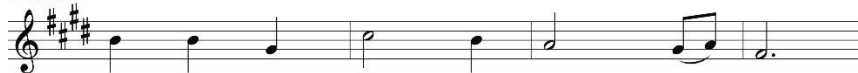
### Processional Hymn

#### Alleluia Alleluia Give Thanks

Refrain



Verses



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live for ev - er.  
Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve.  
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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# The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

*Amen.*

*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.*

## Gloria



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## Collect

*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.*

## **Scripture**

### **First Lesson**

*Acts 7:55-60*

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *\*deliver me in your righteousness.*
- <sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me; *\*make haste to deliver me.*
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *\*for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*

- <sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
*\*for you are my tower of strength.*
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, *\*for you have  
redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.*
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; *\*rescue me from the hand of  
my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*
- <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant, *\*and in  
your loving-kindness save me.*

## Second Lesson

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his

marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

The Word of the Lord

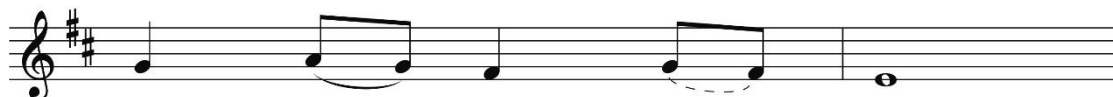
*People: Thanks be to God*

## Gospel Hymn

*Seek Ye First*



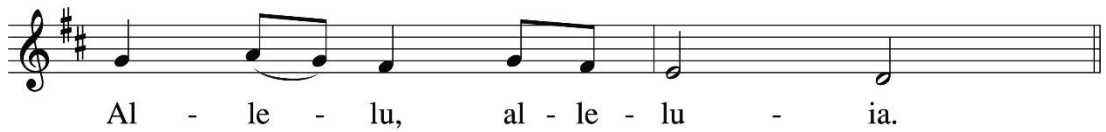
1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,  
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



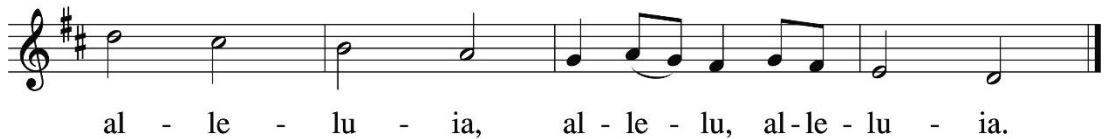
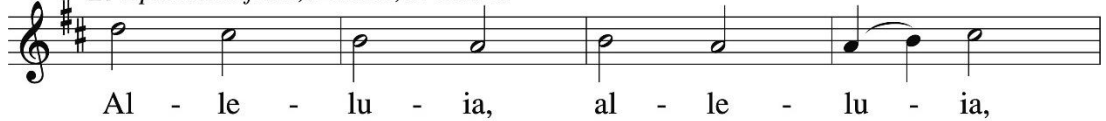
and his right - eous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find,  
but by ev - 'ry word  
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;  
that comes forth from the mouth of God;  
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*



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## Gospel

*John 14:1-14*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my

Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**Sermon**

*The Reverend Kevin M. Cross*

**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 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.*

### **Litany of Healing**

#### **Prayer for Discernment**

*O God our Comforter, who guides us in the ways of justice and truth and holds us close in times of uncertainty: Inspire us with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything according to your will and ground ourselves in your love. Give us a sense of openness about the future ministries and mission of the Diocese of Easton. Help us remember that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to. Encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all things are in your hands: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

Lord Jesus, you healed all who came to you in faith and sent forth your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal the sick: *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know, and your will for us is healing and salvation; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain and our brokenness, and you stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation, and set us free through your love; *Hear us, and make us whole.*

Sustain those who face illness, bearing them up on the wings of faith and courage; *Hear us, and make us whole.*

We pray for those in need of healing this day:

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Lisa Strang</i>	<i>Mike McMillen</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Andy Coleman</i>	<i>Dick Barnes</i>
<i>Brendan Fuller</i>	<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>	<i>Dan O'Neill</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Betty Mackart</i>	<i>Leslie Howells</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Elspeth Ritchie</i>	<i>Jackson Beaumont</i>
<i>Connor Frank</i>	<i>Owen M.</i>	<i>Courtney</i>
<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Shaun</i>	<i>Carey Miller</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Fr. Ambrose Boyd</i>	<i>Peter Zukowski</i>
<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>	<i>Lisbeth Drake</i>	<i>Ron Kaufman</i>
<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>David Harrell</i>	
<i>Gary Kaufman</i>	<i>James Turrell</i>	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart.(pause)... *Lord, hear our prayer*

Give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors and nurses, that with knowledge, skill, and patience they may minister to the sick; *Hear us, and make us whole.*

Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion, and addiction; *Hear us, and make us whole.*

Give us liberty from old hurts and painful memories; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

Fill us with peace in our grief from separation and loss. We remember those who have passed on to eternal life, *Mary Lou Madary.*

We also remember in our prayer those in our military who have fallen. We pray for comfort and solace for their families. *Come with your healing power, O God.*

God of Strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth in love and healing among those we meet; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children,

at risk and in fear, that you will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *Dear God, hear our prayer.*

*All: God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.*

*A period for personal meditation is observed*

*The Altar Flowers Are Given By Cathy Schmidt  
In Loving Memory of Nancy Newnam Newton*

## **Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

## **Absolution**

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen you in all

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also, with you.*

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

*God Leads Us Along*

J. Barnard

The Holy Trinity Choir

### Doxology *(please stand)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

*People: And of thy own we have given Thee.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

## Preface

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Arr. Malcolm Archer

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord -  
God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
- san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.  
**AMEN.**

## **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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** *(Prayed with those joining us from home and hospital bed)*

*My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## **Communion**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour 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.**

## Birthdays

Bobby Lippincott, 5/3	Eric Neustadt, 5/8
Al Smith, 5/6	Claire Cross, 5/8
Ron Kaufman, 5/7	Rick Richards, 5/8

## Anniversaries

## Blessing

### Recessional Hymn

#### *The Church's One Foundation*

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,  
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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## **Sending Forth**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

## *Postlude*

*Thank you Michelle Mactavish for hosting Fellowship hour.*

*A Parish Town Hall meeting will be held during the Fellowship hour following this service.*

*Concert today From Broadway to Showtunes! 4 pm Bob MacDonald and Tony Nalker.*

## **Altar Guild General Meeting**

On **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**, there will be a general meeting for all Altar Guild members in the **Parish Hall**. Snacks and drinks will be provided! We'll review schedules and teams and wish Ginny Wagner our best as she steps down from the Directress position.

Also, if anyone has wanted to know more about joining the Altar Guild, Please Come! New volunteers are always welcomed and needed. Training is provided and you will work with experienced team members. Any questions-please reach out to Nancy Roberts (609-647-2622) or Sandy Wrightson (410-822-0205).

Please RSVP to Connie

## Worship Service Schedule

*Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am*

*First Sunday of the month 9:30 am*

<p><b><u>Monday - May 4</u></b> 5:00 pm - Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday May 5</u></b> 8:30 am - Prayer Group 9:30 am - Grief Group</p>	<p><b><u>Friday - May 8</u></b> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Choir Practice</p> <p><b><u>Saturday - May 9</u></b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday - May 6</u></b> 9:00 am - Women on a Journey</p> <p><b><u>Thursday - May 7</u></b> 4:00 pm - Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday - May 10</u></b> 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist</p>

### Vestry Members

Margot McConnell Sr. Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk - Emeritus
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

<b>Worship Leaders</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Reader	John Noble
Acolyte	Dennis Roberts
Usher	Rene Van Erven
Vestry Greeter	Walda Roseman
Altar Guild	Nancy Roberts, Veronica Wainwright, Karen Walbridge, Linda Wilson
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard
Healing Ministers	Midge Menzies, Heather Pusey



# Care Packs of Talbot County

This month we return our service activity to the children throughout Talbot County who experience food insecurity. We can help ensure no child goes hungry through collecting donations of food items for **Care Packs of Talbot County**. Each Friday, this program, with our support, distributes care packs filled with food to school kids in need to give them food to help them get through the weekends.

See below for the list of desired items. **We will collect these items through Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. You may drop off your donations at our services or at the Parish Hall any weekday. A cart will be placed outside the parish hall doors to receive the items. If you have any questions, please call the office, 410-226-5134.

## Most needed items:

**Easy open cans or pouches of tuna, chicken, ham, or salmon**

**Easy open cans of pasta and soups**

- **Cheese and cracker packets**
- **Hummus and cracker packets**
- **Peanut Butter and crackers**
  - **Trail mix**
- **Nuts, Almonds, Walnuts, Cashews. Peanuts**
  - **Mac and cheese**
  - **Oatmeal packets**
  - **Applesauce cups**
- **Peanut butter crackers**
  - **Granola bars**
  - **Energy bars**