

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025



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8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude: *Adagio* - Mendelssohn

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP362 *Tell Out My Soul*

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

All May our hearts be filled with joy.

Presider Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Children's Talk

Act of Praise:

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah! Praise ye, the Lord! (Repeat)

Praise ye, the Lord! Hallelujah! (repeat x3)

Praise ye the Lord!

Collect of the Day

Presider Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of the flock:
**teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
so that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God, the Shepherd of Israel. Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant and

like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity, and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Reader Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *

All the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became the sanctuary of the Lord *

and Israel the dominion of God.

The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

You little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and

wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Gradual Hymn: CP457 *Alleluia! Glory to God* (vv 1-4)

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Acclamation: VU958 *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Halle, halle, halle-lu jah! x3
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Homily

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We trust in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We trust 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 trust in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We trust 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 Peace

Presider The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to -
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing,

geth - er, you are in the midst of them. Hal - le -
Giv - er break the bread and bless the cup. Hal - le -
giv - ing, we may be dis - ci - ples true. Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! So now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! In our ser - vice faith re - new.

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WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

All Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: Island Liturgy "C"

Presider The Lord is here.

All God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,
for you create all things
and in you we live and move and have our being.
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image.
And even though we turn from you,
again and again you call us to yourself,
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own
to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.
You sent Jesus among us,
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us — Jesus suffered the cross,
died, and in rising again
became the firstborn of the renewed family.
Your Holy Spirit descended

and continues to give life to your church.
And so we gather around your table,
with all the saints
and with all Creation
we sing the hymn of your unending love:

All **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,**
(Please see insert) **heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2
Blessed, blessed, blessed,
Blessed is the one coming in the name,
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2

Presider To you be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you:
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
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,
poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this to remember me.

Presider Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Presider Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept
this, our sacrifice of praise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

Unite us in Christ and give us your love
that we might be strengthened to do your work
as your body in the world.
Through Christ our Redeemer,

in the power of the Spirit,
all praise and glory be yours, Creator God,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (chant) – *see blue insert*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.
The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion most Sundays. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer.

Communion Music: *Agnus Dei / Lamb of God*—see blue insert (Bell, St. Bride setting)
CP564 *Lead Us, Heavenly Father*
CP360 *Bless the Lord, My Soul*
Anthem: *As the Deer Pants for the Waterbrook*

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer after Communion

Presider Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light after the night,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so
that we may show your glory to all the world, through
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Presider God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.
God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a
glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.
God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the
risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.
And the blessing of God: Creator, Word and Holy Spirit, be
with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP520 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Dismissal

Assistant Let us go forth into the world—rejoicing in the Risen Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: *Horn Pipe* - Handel



The flowers are given to the glory of God.

	8am	10am
Presider & Preacher	The Ven. Eric Partridge	The Ven. Eric Partridge
Music Director		Fran Pollett
First Reading	Deb Gill	Sandra Moore
Psalm	Marilyn Pattison	Rick Young
Second Reading	Marnie Bradfield	Deb Koning
Intercessor	Linda Sproule-Jones	Barbara Colebrooke Peace
Administrants	Gary Fisher	Jeanette Muzio, Colin Millar
Liturgical Assistant	Gary Fisher	Gary Fisher
Greeter	Jennifer Bradbury	Angela Buckingham, Sandra Moore
Technical Assistant		Michael Marriott
Counter		Angela Buckingham
Supervisor		Gary Fisher
Flowers		Sandra Moore/Margaret Hood
Chancel Guild		Darlene Fisher/Pamela Smith
Altar Bread		Kathleen von Kanel/Joan Collis
Healing Prayers		Martha Stein Marriott, Anita Horgan

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