

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion with Reserve Sacrament

Healing Prayers

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.



The Mission of the Church:

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to
unity with God and each other in Christ.

Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855

Welcome visitors. Take time to sign the guest book in the narthex
and join us for coffee hour after the service. Please join us in
worship again, and may God bless your week.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament Healing Prayers

*Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska
Dave Muldoon~ Officiant*

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 04, 2025

Liturgy of the Word

All stand as able for the Opening Hymn

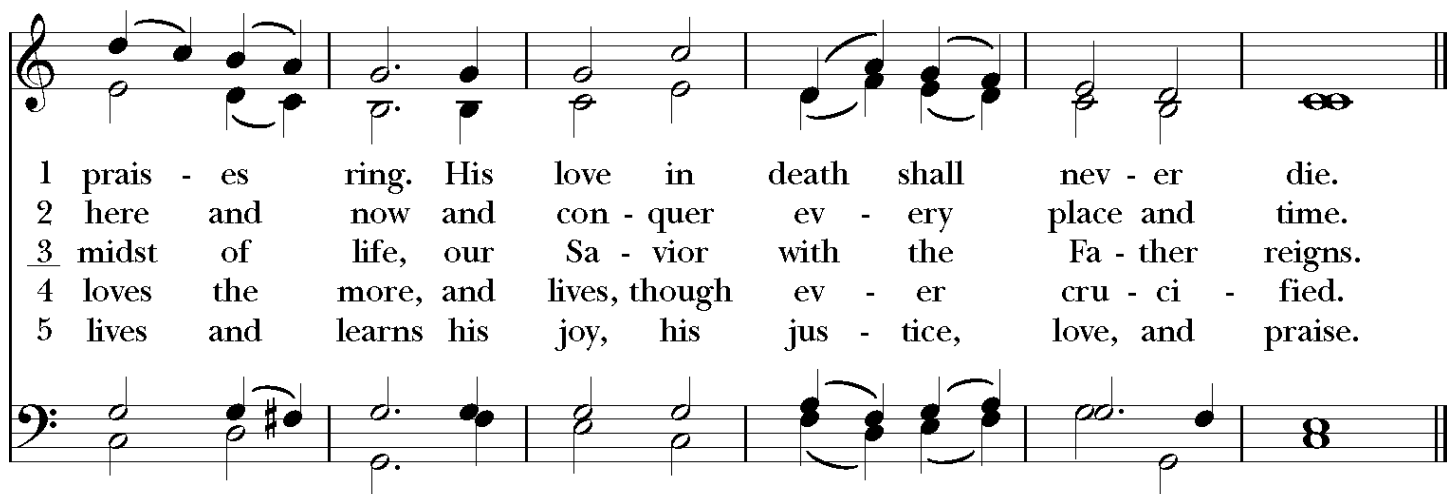
Opening Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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All standing as able, the Officiant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Confession of Sin

All kneel or stand as able.

The Officiant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Officiant and People together say

**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.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Officiant says

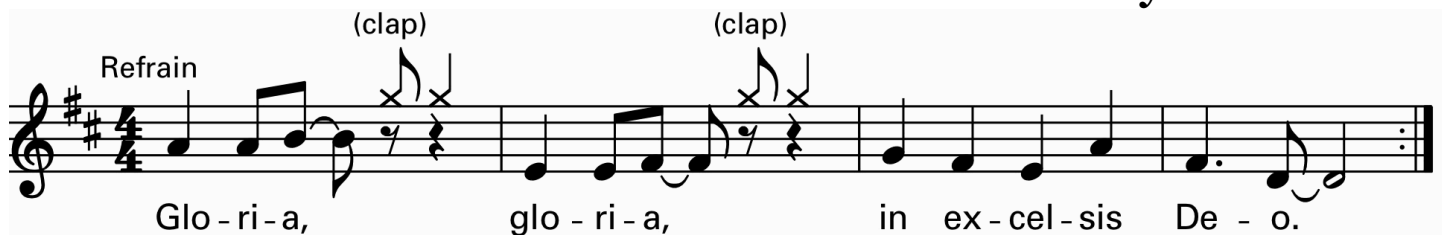
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand as able.

Gloria

Glory & Praise 100

Refrain



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Verses



1. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, peace you bring to
2. Je - sus, Sav - ior of all, Lord God, Lamb of
3. At the Fa - ther's right hand, Lord, re - ceive our
4. Glo - ry, Fa - ther and Son, Glo - ry, Ho - ly



1. us; _____ we wor - ship you, we _____ give you thanks,
2. God, _____ you take a - way our _____ sins, O Lord,
3. prayer, _____ for you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
4. Spir - it, to you we raise our _____ hands up high,

to Refrain

1. we sing our song of ____ praise.
 2. have mer - cy on us ____ all.
 3. and you a - lone are the Lord.
 4. we glo - ri - fy your ____ name.

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Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together say

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Brita Rice

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

Psalm 30

Rob Smith

Exaltabo te, Domine

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as
the mountains.”
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the LORD, saying,
- 10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper.”
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Remain seated.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

Stephanie Hall

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and

on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
 “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and
 glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said,
 “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Sequence Hymn Shepherd of souls Hymnal 343

All stand as able.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid we
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Holy Gospel

John 21:1-19

Dave Muldoon

All stand as able.

Officiant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Officiant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Dave Muldoon

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

**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.**

All remain standing as able.

Prayers of the People: Form III Barbara Learmonth

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for President, the Governor of this state, the Congress, the State Legislature, and the Supreme Court. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.*** We pray for: ***Holly, Bobby, Jeff & family, Joyce, Heather, Missy & family, Fred, Sara & family, the Fujioka family, Henry, Sharon & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Dee, Sam, John, Judi, Linda, Cheri, Heaven, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Linda, Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Marlene, Jim, Arlen, Cyndy, Anne,***

Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence and gun violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center and SEARHC'S: Ravens Way; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

All stand as able.

Officiant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Officiant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Today's loose offering will go into the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Please stand as able for Offertory Hymn.

Offertory Hymn

Be a shepherd for my flock


Voices Found 100

Refrain C G F C



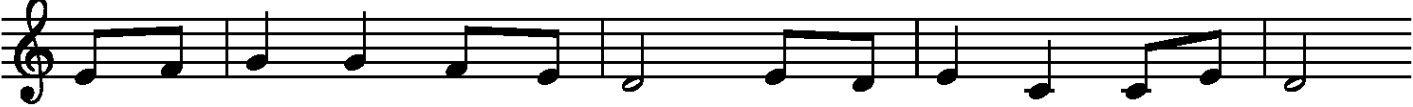
Be a shep - herd for my flock. Feed them rich - ly on my word.

F Em Dm C *Fine*




Show them shel - ter in the storm, for I call you to serve.

Verses C G F G



1 With a mo - ther's ten - der love, care for all who need to hear
2 To the blind - ed bring my light, to the wea - ry my rest,
3 Take my mes - sage to the world. Keep the sto - ries ev - er new.

C Em Dm *D.C al Fine*
G



they can run in - to my arms. Ease ev - ery fear.
to the poor a - bun-dant life for - ev - er blest.
Sing my truth, dance my joy. I'll car - ry you.

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The People stand as able and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.

Doxology (a hymn of praise)

***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.***

The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer all stand, as able.

Prayer of Preparation for Communion The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together say

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

The Officiant says

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

Officiant and People together sing

**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 Officiant says

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord.
Let the Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers – Rob & Jo*

Communion Music

Stephanie Hall

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together say

**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.**

On the first Sunday of the month all are welcome to come forward for healing prayers.

Healing Prayers

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.***



If any birthdays or anniversaries, please stand as able and together say

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Prayer for Birthdays (BCP 830, prayer 50)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, N. that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements...

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Reminders:

Vestry Meeting May 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm in Boesser Hall

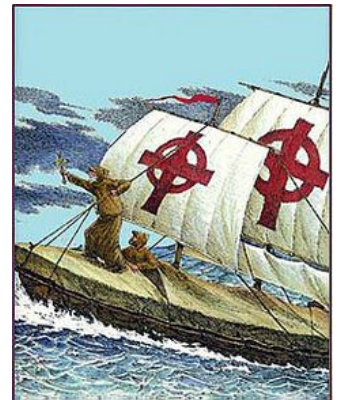


Southeast Deanery
of
The Episcopal Church
Diocese of Alaska



***Southeast Deanery at Holy Trinity May 9-10
~ See May Navigator for Draft Agenda***

***Friday, May 16, 2025
Service @ 5:30 PM
Barbeque & potluck following the service
Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, & ice cream
bars will be provided
Please bring a side dish to share***



See Dan if you would like a hard copy of the May Navigator

See Page 23 for additional announcement...

Please stand as able for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn

Christ has arisen, alleluia

My Heart Sings Out 100

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, corresponding to the five parts of the hymn. The first line is the main title, and the following four lines are the verses. The lyrics are: 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. 2 For three long days the grave did its worst. 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia. un - til its strength by God was dis - persed. You look for Je - sus who is not here. He has a - ris - en to this world to save. Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be. For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb, He who gives life did death un - der - go, See for your - selves the tomb is all bare. Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done. Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst.
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
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Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly king.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: Traditional Tanzanian.

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Officiant says

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

A Note on Today's Readings

The Third Sunday of Easter—Year C

Welcome to our worship service today as we begin the third week of the church's celebration of Christ's resurrection. The theme of this Sunday's liturgy is Jesus' revelation of his risen life in the Holy Eucharist: the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup. This year we hear John's account of the meeting that took place between the disciples and the Lord on the shore of the sea of Tiberias. It culminated, as did so many of the resurrection appearances, in the Lord sharing food with his disciples and in that way making himself known to them.

The reading from Acts is the account of Paul's conversion from his stance an enemy of Christ and a persecutor of the church to its greatest missionary and preacher.

The second reading from the Revelation of John envisions the final conversion of the entire human race and of the whole creation. It seems likely that the image of the heavenly worship in this book was inspired by the author's own experience of the church's Eucharistic worship.

From the very beginning of the Church's life, the Holy Eucharist has been a major means of conversion to faith in Christ. The conversion which the Spirit has begun in us in Baptism is nurtured and deepened in Holy Communion. The risen Lord, made known to us in the breaking of the bread, continues his work of redemption in the lives of people in every time and place.

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May 4, 2025 – Easter 3 (C)

Reflections on the Resurrection, Week 3

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.



*“Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”*

- Znamenny Chant, Hymn 816 from Wonder, Love, and Praise

My first recollection of this chant was sitting in the candlelit Easter Vigil at the church my family and I attended when our daughter was young. The vigil was the central liturgy of that congregation. It began at 9 pm, it lasted for three hours, the pews were full to the point of overflowing.

The vigil very often included an adult baptism in the full-immersion font that a parishioner had built for the church. It certainly did that first year that my husband, our daughter and I were there – a dear friend, who had found the congregation at the same time that we did.

We gathered by candlelight around the font as she was baptized, praying for her heart to be open, that she would love others in the power of the Spirit, that she would be a witness to God's love... Then after the baptismal water, the seal, the lights, and those first alleluias, we sang, again and again:
“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

There was a mystical quality to that liturgy in that place on that day – a beauty in the proclamation of what is and what will be, a hope in witnessing that transformation with my toddler by my side, a joy in sharing that moment with our friend as she made the commitment to a life in Christ.

I felt a palpable confidence in Jesus' resurrection that day; a promise that I have carried with me. The memory of our celebration nurtured my faith through times of challenge and of joy; it nurtures me now in a moment where so much has been dismantled and challenged – a moment where fear, greed, and brokenness are driving decisions both nationally and globally. Even now, more than two decades later, I can close my eyes and see us crowding around the font, amid the candles and a cloud of incense. Even now, each time I smell chrism I remember the abundance of it at that vigil.

In this moment of our common life, so much seems unsteady and fearful and fraught. Through it all, I find myself returning to memories of encounters like these, when God is present and the words of my faith - sometimes chanted, sometimes whispered or held in silence, sometimes prayed among the faithful - those words carry a hope that is greater than I can ask or imagine.

As we gather again to remember Christ's resurrection, we gather again with the saints across centuries who have led and prayed and worshiped through moments of fear. As we celebrate this great mystery, may we remember our promises made in our baptism and commit again and again to the work that we have as disciples of Jesus Christ: to seek justice and peace, to share the Good News, to love others as we have been loved. We can, and we will, with God's help

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AWARE

Works to prevent violence and support people who have experienced domestic and sexual violence.

AWARE is in need of travel size shampoo and conditioner, travel size or full size body wash, women's only deodorant, full size bath towels, any brand liquid only laundry soap and 13 gallon white trash bags.

BARTLETT HOUSE

Bartlett Regional Hospital serves patients from all parts of Southeast Alaska. Some patients and their families have to travel considerable distances for treatment. It's a convenient, low-cost lodging alternative for families of out-of-town patients. Bartlett House is situated on the Bartlett Regional Hospital campus, mere steps away from the emergency department and cafeteria.

Bartlett House can use individual packages of snacks, cup of soup, nuts or trail mix, single serve cheese and crackers, 2 pack cookies, snack pudding, and oatmeal packets.

Also, Remember that items for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank can be brought with you on Sundays. Look for the "FOOD BANK" basket at the back of the church.

If you are unable to do the assigned below, please find someone to exchange or substitute and make changes on schedule in narthex. I will check the schedule each week before printing the bulletin.

May 4 ~ June 1 ~ 2025 Schedule

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
Altar	Daisy/Dan	Lori	Brita	Tonya	Daisy/Dan
1st Reading	Brita	Stephanie	Dave	Rob	Jo
Psalm	Rob	Barbara	Stephanie	Brita	Stephanie
2nd Reading	Stephanie	Brita	Barbara	Dave	Rob
Gospel	Dave	Jo	Michael	Barbara	Dave
Prayers of the People	Barbara	Rob	Jo	Stephanie	Barbara
Chalice Bearer	Rob & Jo	Dave & Barbara	Rob & Jo	Dave & Dan	Rob & Jo
Worship Leader	Dave	Jo	Michael	Barbara	Dave
Godly Play	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya	Michael, Tamara, Tonya
Coffee Hour	Ingrid	Ingrid	Ingrid, Carla, & Carol	Ingrid	Ingrid
Ushers	Jeff/Carol	Barbara	Dave	Ingrid/Jo	Jeff/Carol

Other Services:

May 16, 5:30 p.m. St. Brendan's Day ~ Celtic Evening Prayer ~ Dan Hall ~ BBQ to follow the service

May 29, Ascension Day ~ (time and service, tba) Michael Rowcroft