

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Holy Eucharist 9:30<sup>AM</sup>



## St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Mary B. Gregorius, Rector

*Family Love—Alex Clifford*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

### PRELUDE

✠ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

### THE PROCESSION #583

“O holy city, seen of John”



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,  
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain  
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood  
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,  
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,  
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,  
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!  
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, “Christ hath died in vain!”  
and where the sun that shin - eth is God’s grace for hu - man good.  
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

### THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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

## GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

✠ *Please be seated for: the lessons*

THE FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF: ACTS 11:1-18

*Read by: Laura Simpson*

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 worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor 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 center 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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 148

*Led by: Laura Simpson*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise God in the heights.

2 Praise the Lord all you angels; \*  
sing praises, all you heavenly host.

3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; \*  
sing praises, all you shining stars.

4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, \*  
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; \*  
who gave the command and they were created,  
6 who made them stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

9 mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 young men and young women, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, \*  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 The Lord has raised up strength for this people \*  
and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel, \*  
a people who are near to the Lord.

Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND READING FROM THE BOOK OF: REVELATION 21:1-6

*Read by: Laura Simpson*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✦ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

### SEQUENCE HYMN

*Celtic Alleluia*

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff continues the melody, starting with a 9/8 time signature and ending with a 6/8 time signature, concluding with "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_".

### THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon:       The Gospel of our Lord.

**People:       Praise to you Lord Christ.**

✠ *Please be seated for:*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary B Gregorius+

✠ *Please stand as you are able and say:*

THE 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 the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Bishop Andrew Dietsche, Bishop Allen Shin and Bishop Mary Glasspool and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Susan Matsen, Tom Acheson, Frederic, Peter, Bob Gowen, Yumi, Ronald Garvey, Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Howard Flemming, Ellie Ruvo, Rosemary Recine, Robert Lynch, Joe Smith, and Angela Carrozzo**

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings, Margaret Vaccaro, Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Roberta Darrigrand; Jim, Marge, Deanna Ammirato, and Bill & Dorothy D'Amato.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Andrew Tom, Rebecca, Vince Servio, Sarah Paruolo, Annaliese Haag, Gerald, Marilyn Griffin, Paul Ruvo, Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore, Marina Brandt, Carol White, Steven Schubert, Jeff** and The Rt. Rev **Andrew St. John**

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School, and the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.**

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died, especially the 6 million world wide and over 1 million in this country who have died from COVID-19

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Silence*

*Officiant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*All:* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

✠ *Please greet one another gracefully and with masks on*

## THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Online Sunday School—  
Mother Mary+ Tells  
The New Commandment—  
Love One Another*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN #623,1,2&4 “Oh what their joy and their glory must be”



1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
2 Tru - ly “Je - ru - sa - lem” name we that shore,  
3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,  
4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,  
5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,



1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;  
2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;  
3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,  
5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;



1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:  
2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,  
3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise  
4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,  
5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;



1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.  
3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.  
4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's stand.  
5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

## THE DOXOLOGY:

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*In this prayer, the lines in bold are spoken by the People*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.

*Priest inserts Proper 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:

## THE SANCTUS & BENEADICTUS HYMNAL #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant Continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

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

*Celebrant Continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever .

*Let the People say*

**AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**All: 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 forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## ANGUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN #304

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

✠ *Please join in singing:*

## THE CLOSING HYMN #529

“In Christ there is no east or west”

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
 him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



**Spring is a great time to get involved:**

- \* Join the list of volunteer readers
  - \* Help the Altar Guild
  - \* Volunteer at the Thrift Shop
- \* Read a Bible Story for Sunday School
- \* Work with the Community Garden
  - \* Become Property Warden
  - \* Join the Vestry

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE BOOK CLUB MAY 18 7:00PM** Join us for our last Wednesday evening via [Zoom](#) for this lively discussion of the book by Liz Curtis Higgs. You can order or download the book. Meeting ID:852 3554 8705

**PLEASANTVILLE DAY SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022:** Mark your calendar to enjoy a day of community fun and be sure to see the St. John's Pleasantville Community Garden Booth! Would you like to volunteer to help out? Let me know, Mother Mary+

**YAI CENTRAL PARK CHALLENGE 4 JUNE 2022:** Donate, join a fundraising team or volunteer. Visit—[cpc2022.funraise.org](http://cpc2022.funraise.org) or contact Suzanne Cortese for more info

**THRIFT SHOP:** The thrift shop IS OPEN—Saturdays from 10:00-2:00. Volunteers needed please sign up using the Sign Up Genius. [Follow this link](#). Helping out in the Thrift Shop is a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners and express creativity!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** our next class is on May 24th at 5:45PM. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

**ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION:** St. John's On-line Sunday School lessons are on our [website](#) Contact Mother Mary+ if you want to be a storyteller!

**TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM** Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11:00AM;** Please consider joining us on zoom. Link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 981708897. We are reading the confounding and deeply mystical Gospel of John.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Do you know that **each Episcopal Parish** is lead by a **Vestry** comprised of elected members of each congregation? It is an example of **Democracy** at work. Have you ever thought about participating in leading our parish of St. John's? Do you **have ideas** to grow our parish? Or deepen our Spirituality? Perhaps you are drawn to **increase** our Ministry both within the parish and in our community? Or **understand** building maintenance? Then you are a **prime candidate for Vestry**. We are searching for one Vestry member and a Property Manager. Please, speak to Mother Mary+ or Warden Debbie Paruolo about taking your turn in the lead.



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