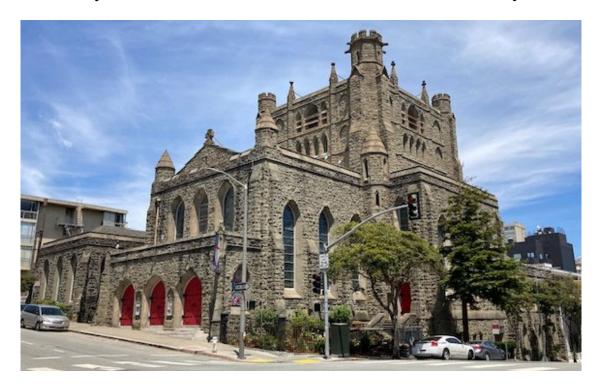
Trinity†St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



Prelude: "Chorale-Prelude: Nun Bitten Wir" Dietrich Buxtehude

------Mission Statement-------

Trinity†St. Peter's is a welcoming and diverse Christ-centered spiritual community drawn together by the power of the Holy Spirit and by our passion to serve.

You are invited to join us as we seek an ever deeper connection to God, to creation and to one another.

Morning Prayer with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the beginning of our worship.



All remaining standing as are able, the Officiant says,

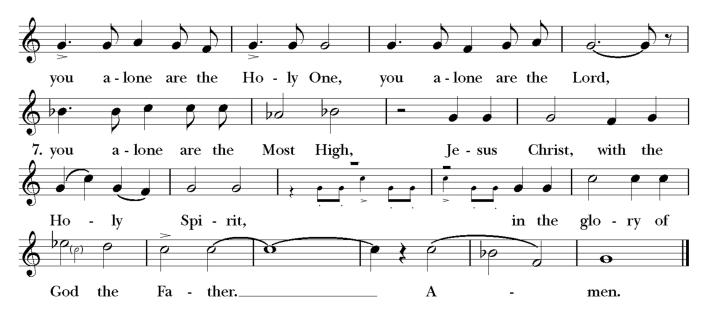
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant and People

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.





The Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

All sit.

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven,

being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *

he 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 his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *

fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *

creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *

princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *

old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *

for his Name only is exalted,

his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants, *

the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

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,

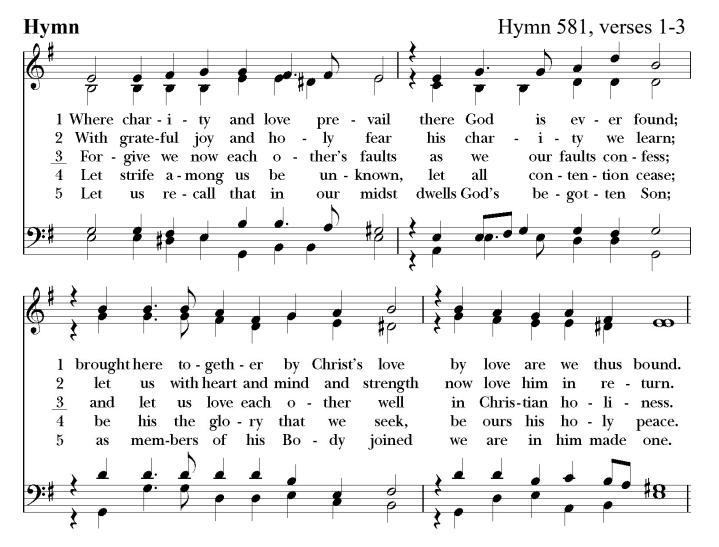
for the first things have passed away."

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 the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able.



Holy Gospel John 13:31-35

All remain standing as are able.

Officiant 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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 581, verses 4-5 (reverse)

The Nicene Creed

All stand as are able.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing, as they are able.

Leader Glorious, creating, and sustaining God, who made and cares for the world with love and mercy, hear and answer the prayers of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader Encourage and embolden us, your people, that we might fully live into our potential and take up Christ's healing mission with courage and persistence. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Open the hearts of those who hold authority in the world that they might focus their gaze and attention on policies that promote peace, wellness and the relief of suffering. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Help us to see the needs of those we encounter in our daily lives and grant us the desire for generosity that we might respond with love and mercy. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Grant us wisdom and determination to respond effectively to climate change; help us reclaim our intended role as stewards, and not destroyers, of your wonderfully created world. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bring your healing presence to all who suffer in any way. Give them strength to cope and bring skilled and healing caregivers into their lives. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Be with those who are in their last days, those who watch over them and those who will grieve their loss. Take them into your eternal care and reunite us with them in your new age. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Officiant and People

Lord, Creation sings your praise in its very being. Help us to hear the song and to add our own voices. Be present to us and guide us on the Way of your Son, our Lord, Jesus, through whom we pray and give thanks. Amen.

Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Officiant and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service, during which the people may be seated.

Anthem: "Friendship Hymn"

S. Suzanne Toolan

I shall not call you servants anymore, because the servant knows not what the master does. I call you friends, for I have chosen you. My life, my father's Word, so I have chosen you.

And I, if I be lifted up, I will draw all things to myself.

In friendship I have chosen you as my own, and now I send you forth to share my lasting love. A man can have no greater love than to give his life for his friends.

This is my commandment that you love each other well, with the love that I have for you. You are my friends if you keep my command, and what I command is love for one another.

The Officiant then continues

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

People and Officiant, standing as they are able

Our Father and Mother 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.

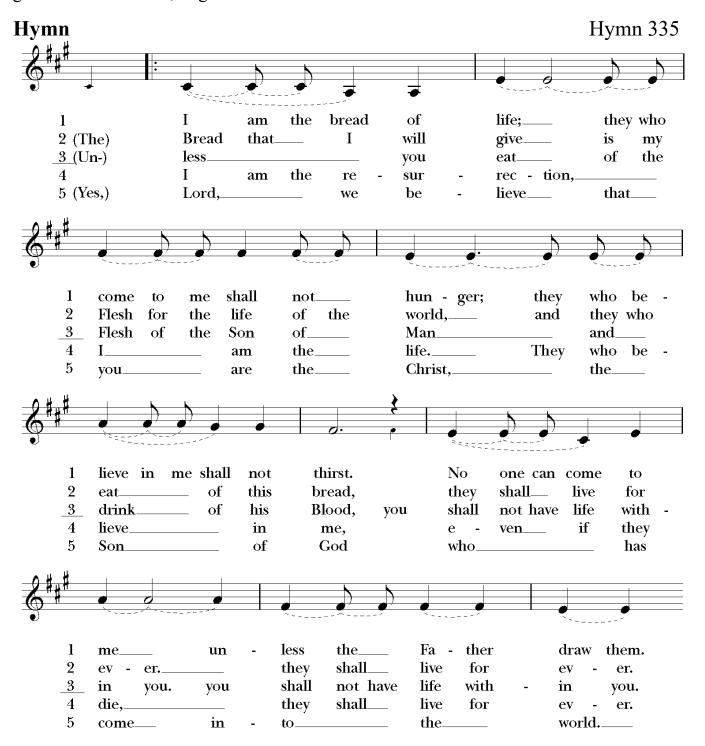
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

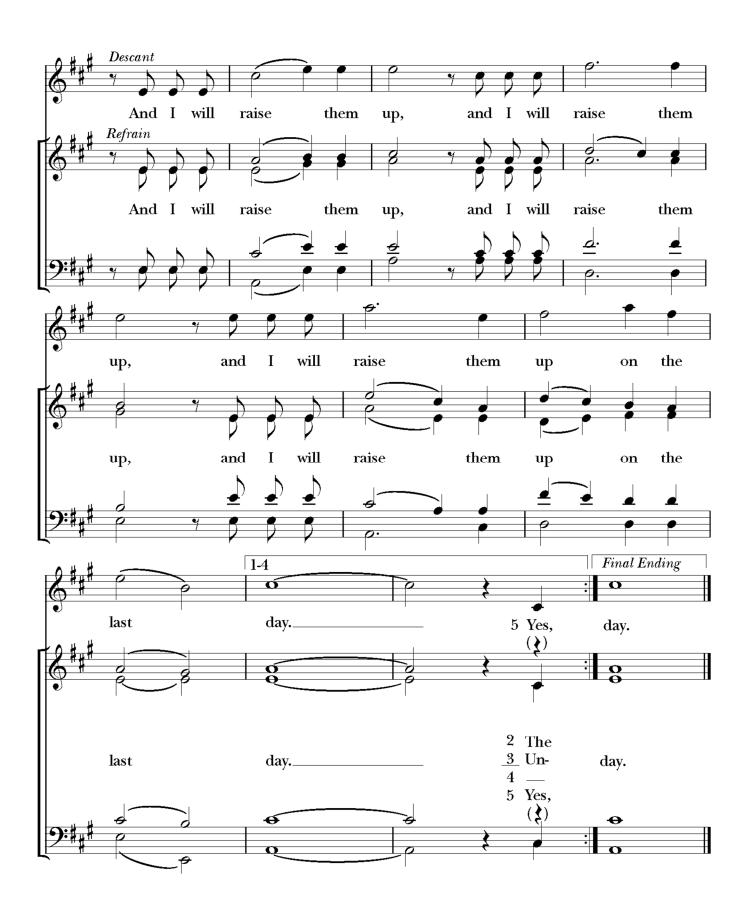
Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Anthem: "This is my commandment"

Thomas Tallis

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, ev'n as I have loved you. No man hath greater love than this, to give his life ev'n for his friends.



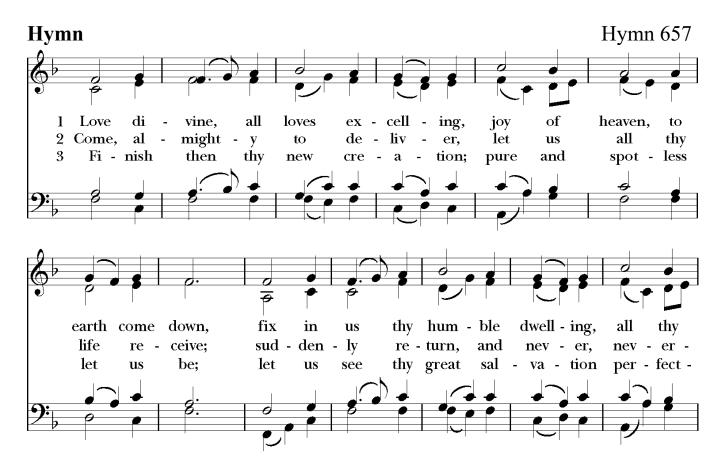


After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant and People, all standing or kneeling as they are able

Let us be fully alive.
In the handling of food
And the sharing of drink,
In the preparing of work
And the uttering of words,
In the meeting of friends
And in the intermingling of relationships
In the many details of this day
Let us be alive to each instant, O God,
Let us be fully alive. Amen.





Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fugue in C Major" (Jig Fugue)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Future First Sundays Organ Recital, at 5:00 p.m., Spring 2025

June 1 Dr. Michael Szostak (Warsaw, Poland)

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