

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

May 3, 2026 at 10 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter





1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ish'd a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.**

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn (verses 1-2 before Gospel, verse 3 after)

We Walk By Faith



- 1 We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gra - cious words we hear
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod;
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and may our faith a - bound;



- 1 _ of him who spoke as none e'er spoke but we be - lieve him near. _
2. _ yet in his prom - ise we re - joice and cry "My Lord and God!" _
3. _ to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found: _

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Todd Bryant

The Affirmation of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Prayers of the People

Clergy: Let us pray for God's new life to spread throughout the world.

Intercessor: Jesus said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our country.
God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

You may pray for those in need

Intercessor: God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Your Son met the women disciples to proclaim the resurrection. Guide us to witness to the resurrection in our lives. God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Your Son made himself known in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us through your word and sacrament. God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts and strengthen their faith in your goodness. God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Your resurrected Son is with those who are dying. Lead them to life with you forever.

You may pray for those who have died

Intercessor: God, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Clergy: Holy God may we join with your life and the saints of heaven and earth. We ask this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

Greetings & Announcements

Today's flowers are given by Joann Hansen in loving memory of her husband Michael Hansen.

Offertory

Siyahambe

Traditional Zulu Chorus; Arr. by Anders Nyberg

Offertory Sentence

Great Thanksgiving

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Priest:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - na in the high - est bless - ed is He who comes in God's name Ho - sa - na in the high - est!". The score includes various chords such as D, G, Dsus, Dsus, F#m, and D.

Holy and gracious God: 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 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 God, 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 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 God, now and forever. Amen.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction

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

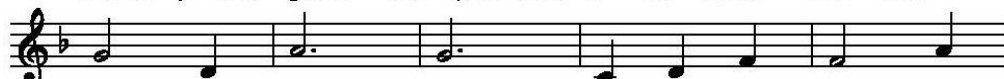
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia Alleluia.**

Communion Hymn

Many And Great



1. Man-y and great are bear-ers of the Word: the Christ
2. Man-y and great are seeds up-on the field: the hand
3. Man-y and great are voic-es of de-spair: the rain
4. Man-y and great are peb-bles in the sand: the sun



1. speaks; the heart seeks. Gath-ered as one, we
2. sows; the seeds grow. Take now and eat the
3. falls; the voice calls. Take now and drink the
4. glows; the wind blows. Take now and spread the



1. lis-ten to the Word and share the meal of new birth.
2. cov-e-nant ful-filled, the bread of prom-ise and life.
3. wine of hope and care; our cup of bless-ing we share.
4. Word to ev-'ry land, the Word of good-ness and hope.



The wheat grows from spring-time to fall; the wine flows; in



Christ we re-call the shar-ing of our lives with one and all.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Young People's Time & Blessing

Closing Hymn

In Christ There Is No East Or West



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

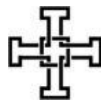


him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are



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.

Dismissal



The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector
The Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil, Associate Rector
The Rev. Maurice Turner, Assisting Priest, Emeritus
Music Director: Myles Ellis

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