



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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

Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

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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 Lesson: Revelation (21:1–6)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1134

Commentary:

In his vision, John saw a splendid and perfected new heaven and new earth. This will be the final stage in God's plan to deliver humanity into the blessing He originally intended them to enjoy. The city descending from heaven, the new Jerusalem, will be uniquely holy, in contrast to the former, sin-corrupted city. The glory of the new Jerusalem will far surpass the ability of human language to describe it. At that time, God will dwell among His righteous people. Sorrow, death and pain will end, as will tears and mourning. The curse of sin will be completely removed. The sovereign God, the Alpha and the Omega, promises to provide abundant satisfaction that meets the deepest needs of His people.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

Deacon: The Reverend Rhonda Thomas

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