



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 518

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

Westminster Abbey

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

*Celebrant
People*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

p. 225

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: Acts 7:55–60

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1001

Commentary: Stephen was a Hellenistic Jew who was brought before the Sanhedrin on a charge of slandering Moses and God. In his speech before the ruling council, Stephen did not present a personal defense; instead, he defended the new way of worship that Jesus taught and which His followers embraced. Stephen's speech infuriated the members of the Sanhedrin, who were ready to kill him. But Stephen's attention was elsewhere; he beheld a vision of the throne room in heaven, with Jesus standing at the right hand of God. The religious leaders, in their outrage, began stoning Stephen, and Saul of Tarsus was there, giving his approval. Stephen died as Jesus did, offering prayers for his executioners.

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.

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

After the Reading, the children leave for Children’s Chapel

Sequence Hymn 699

“Jesus, Lover of my soul”

Aberystwyth

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1–14

NRSV, p. 984

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

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Hymn 297

“Descend, O Spirit, purging flame”

Erhalt uns, Herr

THE HOLY BAPTISM OF HENRY PATTERSON BROWN

*Mike and Jamie Brown, Parents
Sara Anylan, Cabe Lee, and Ford Williams, Godparents*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

Priest
The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Henry Patterson Brown to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest
Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents
I will, with God’s help.

Priest

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with Hap who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

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Priest Let us now pray for Hap who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader Deliver Hap, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

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Priest Hap, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
 Hap, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

p. 308

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Arthur Sullivan

Presentation Hymn 618

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones” *fourth stanza only*

Lasst uns erfreuen

O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! To
God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spi-rit, Three in One,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

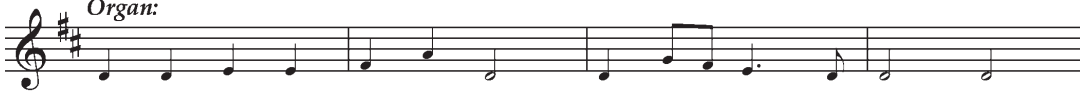
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus


“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

John Sullivan

Organ:



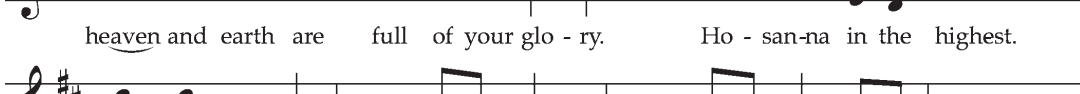
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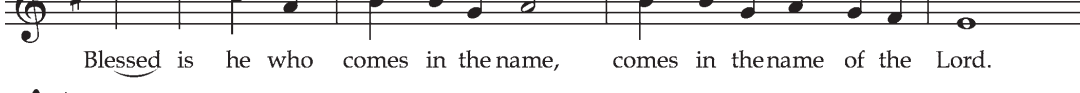
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the highest.



Blessed is he who comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

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. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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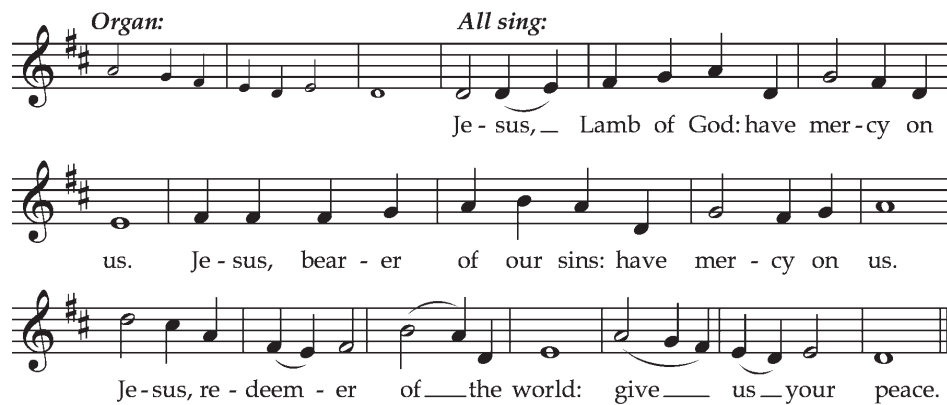
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

p. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Organ: *All sing:*



Je - sus, — Lamb of God: have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of — the world: give — us — your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 487

"Come, my Way"

The Call

Hymn 484

"Praise the Lord through every nation"

Wachet auf

Hymn 312

"Strengthen for service, Lord"

Malabar

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 525

"The Church's one foundation"

Aurelia

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People

Postlude

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*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Children's Chapel: Ansley Trask
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Donald Brock Koonce, Mary Bellamy Koonce, Michael Corbett Stovall, Jr.*

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS** - "Susan Ingle's Recent Trip To Israel" - Speaker: Susan Ingle- *The Lippitt Room or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS CLASS** - What does it mean to love our neighbors? - *The Stephen Ministry Room*
- **JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE** (6th-12th grades) - *Cookie's Office*
- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th grades): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILDERS** (2nd and 3rd graders): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER** (3's & 4's): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*

TODAY

- **SJP YOUTH HOST MOVIE NIGHT:**
"BREAKTHROUGH" May 7 | 5:00 p.m. | *The Great Hall*
Join us as we watch the movie, "Breakthrough" in The Great Hall. It is a true story that will inspire and amaze you. Recommended for 6th - 12th graders and all interested adults. We will also a "Pop-Corn Extravaganza", a wide variety of popcorn flavors to enhance our movie experience.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MAY 8-12

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MAY 8

- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY: OPEN HOUSE NIGHT
6:30-8:30 PM | Graham Parlor
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00-8:30 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 12

- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S RETREAT
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | RSVP Requested

SATURDAY, MAY 13

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UP
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Location TBA

SUNDAY, MAY 14

YOUTH SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - YOUTH LED SERVICE
9:00 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
10:10 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- SJP YOUTH: SIP'N'SEE EVENT
5:00 PM | Perry Hall Youth Wing
- 2023 SILENT AUCTION BEGINS
8:00 PM | online

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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