



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *EPISCOPAL VISITATION*

**Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.  
May 18, 2025**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;  
after the service speak to one another.*

## The Rector's Welcome

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Easter Season is my favorite time to be in Church. There are no better hymns than the celebratory Easter hymns in our hymnal. This fifty-day celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is meant to fill our hearts with joy and our eyes with tears of happiness. This season is all about reminding us what Jesus accomplished for us, that he has defeated death and is freely offering all people eternal life with our creator and Father in Heaven.

I invite you all to take the fifty days of Easter as seriously as you took the forty days of Lent. That means celebrating for the entire season of Easter. Celebrate your life, family, church, friends, and most importantly, your relationship with Jesus Christ, your redeemer. Invite Jesus into all that you do, and remember to be joyful. When I was young, I asked a priest what he thought heaven was like. He told me, "Heaven is perfect joy!"

This season of Easter is a time for all of us to practice being joyful. Make a plan every day to find joy in your life. In finding joy, we will also see God acting in our lives. Let's all live joyfully, and in doing so, discover how beautiful the Kingdom of God is and give thanks for the redemption offered to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Christian M. Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross symbol at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood  
*Rector*

*The people stand as the ministers enter*

**Processional Hymn 432**

*Laudate Dominum*



1. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
\*3. O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song.

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

## PROPER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ri - sen

*People*

The Lord is ri - sen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*

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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE S-236 *Glory to You***

John Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## 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.**

*The people sit*

## THE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" But Peter began and explained to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, something descending, like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came down to me. Looking at it closely I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'No, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. At that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesare'a. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brethren also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of

the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" When they heard this they were silenced. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance unto life."

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL: PSALM 148 (COVERDALE TRANSLATION)** Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

*Sung by the choir*

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.

2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.

4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord :

for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded,  
and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever :

he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;

11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children,

praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent,  
and his praise above heaven and earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the  
children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be. World without end.

Amen.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

*Lector* A reading from the Revelation to John.

Then 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, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And 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 without price from the fountain of the water of life.

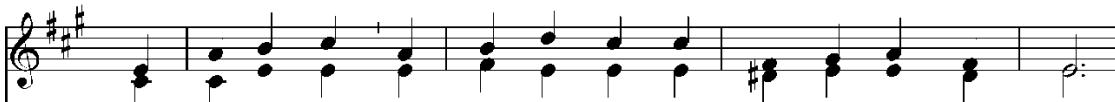
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 457

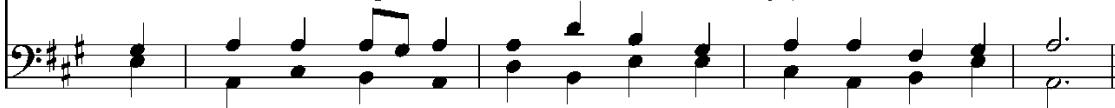
*St. James*



1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 Thou art the Life, the rend-ing tomb pro - claims thy con-quering arm;  
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,



and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thcc.  
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



## THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf  
VI Bishop of Southwest Florida

*The people sit*

### THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

*Celebrant and people*

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 III*)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly  
and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_, for those in the hospital \_\_\_\_\_,  
those in hospice \_\_\_\_\_, for the recent faithful departed,  
especially \_\_\_\_\_ [and for \_\_\_\_\_ in whose memory  
the altar flowers are given today].

*The Celebrant adds this concluding collect*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFSSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us  
and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*All stand*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another with the sign of peace then sit for any necessary announcements.*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Offertory Sentence

## Offertory Anthem *If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another comforter,  
that He may abide with you for ever;  
Ev'n the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of truth.*

## Doxology with Alleluias

*Laast uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All stand*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

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 sung or said*

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 and Benedictus S128

William Mathias

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people remain standing as they are able*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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:

*Celebrant and people*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 and drink 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung*

**Fraction Anthem S-154 Pascha Nostrum**

David Hurd

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.*

*If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing  
(indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*or with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

## Communion Motets

*Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

*Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there.  
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,  
let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.  
And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God,  
so let us in sincerity love all people.*

*As we are all of one body, when we gather  
let no discord or enmity break our oneness.  
May all our petty jealousies and hatred cease that  
Christ the Lord may be with us all our days.*

*Now we pray that with the blessed you  
grant us grace to see your exalted glory.  
O Christ our God, our boundless source of joy and truth,  
of peace and love, for ever and for ever more, world without end.*

*The Call*

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.in the trial  
of death!*

*All stand*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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 EPISCOPAL BLESSING

*Bishop*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People*

The maker of heaven and earth.

*Bishop*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People*

From this time forth for ever-more.

*The Bishop sings the blessing.*

and the blessing of God Al - migh - ty, the Father, the Son, and the Ho - ly

Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you al - ways. *A - men.*  
Spirit, among

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal*

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

# Processional Hymn 623

*O quanta qualia*



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,



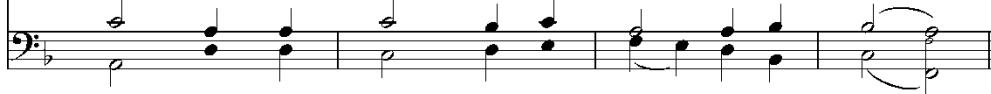
1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;  
 2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;  
 3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
 4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,  
 5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;



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 strand.  
 5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.







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