

WORSHIP BULLETIN: MAY 18, 2025 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Prayer B

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

People Get Ready

Verse 1:

People get ready
There's a train a-coming
You don't need no baggage
You just get on board
All you need is faith
To hear the diesels humming
Don't need no ticket
You just thank the Lord

Verse 2:

People get ready
There's a train to Jordan
Picking up passengers
From coast to coast
Faith is the key
Open the doors and board them
There's hope for all
Among those loved the most

Verse 3:

There ain't no room
For the hopeless sinner
Who would hurt all mankind
Just to save his own
Have pity on those
Whose chances grow thinner
So there's no hiding place
Against the kingdom's throne

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OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY:

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The Celebrant may say

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.**

GLORIA:

The following is sung, all standing.

Glory to God

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

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.**

FIRST READING:

Acts 11:1-18

The people sit.

¹¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 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. 12The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called

Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM:

Psalm 148

Remain seated.

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *

praise him in the heights.

²Praise him, all you angels of his; *

praise him, all his host.

³Praise him, sun and moon; *

praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, *

and you waters above the heavens.

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

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

he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, *

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, *

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹Mountains and all hills, *

fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, *

creeping things and winged birds;

"Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²Young men and maidens, *

old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *

for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴He 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

Remain seated.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he 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."

⁵And 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." ⁶Then 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: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing. **Refrain only**

(Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

John 13:31-35

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹At 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. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing. **Refrain only**

(Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE SERMON:

Judy Furlong

All stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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

All remain standing.



CONFESSION OF SIN:

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our
neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.**

THE PEACE:

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All stand.

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

People: And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- TGIFF Friday, May 23, 5:30 pm
- Vallejo Choral Society Concert (Saturday, May 31, 7 pm)

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p. 376

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung

Living Water

Verse 1:

This goes out to every outcast
To the just don't quite fit in
Every wrong way runaway rebel
So ashamed of where you've been
This goes out to every searcher
Trying to fill that empty space
Well you're searching days are over now
Everything's about to change

Chorus:

Come on down to the living water
Waves of mercy washing over you
No more strangers only sons and daughters
Come down to the living water
And rise up new

Verse 2:

Have you heard about a man named Jesus
He's the way the truth the life
Stretched out his arms on a rugged cross
And paid every sinner's price
So when you're tired of all your running
You don't have to run no more
You can leave it all behind you
Just believe and be reborn

Bridge:

Oh this is your invitation
Oh no more lost and alone
Oh this is your invitation
Hear your Father saying
Welcome home
See that cross up on the steeple
Hear that sweet forgiveness song
Come and join the Jesus people
This is where your heart belongs

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA:

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The People remain standing.

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.

PROPER PREFACE:

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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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Chorus:

Holy holy holy

Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and Earth are full of your praises

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

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The People stand or kneel.
The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son...

...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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;



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The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine...

...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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Celebrant and People

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Refrain:

Alleluia.

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

INVITATION:

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION:

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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 18) Bind Us Together

Chorus:

Bind us together Lord,

bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1:

There is only one God. There is only one king.

There is only one body that is why we sing.

Verse 2:

We are the family of God. We are the promise divine.

We are the chosen design. We are the glorious new wine.



COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 175) They'll Know We Are Christians

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Verse 3:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Verse 4:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says 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.

BLESSING

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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

In the Highways

Chorus:

I'll be somewhere working

I'll be somewhere working

I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

I'll be somewhere working

I'll be somewhere working

I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

Verse 1:

In the highways in the hedges In the highways in the hedges In the highways in the hedges I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

Verse 2:

If my robe is white when He calls me If my robe is white I will heard If my robe is white when He calls me I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

Verse 3:

If He calls me I will answer
If He calls me I will answer
If He calls me I will answer
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!





WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- * TGIFF Friday, May 23, 5:30 pm
- * Vallejo Choral Society Concert Saturday, May 31, 7 pm

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5/19 Jerry McKay 5/22 Charlie Kilbourne 5/22 Michelle Fitzgerald 5/23 Joe Brien & Blanche Hilman

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SERVING THIS WEEK:		
Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	Judy Furlong	
Deacon		
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Chris Ayles	Marjorie Lowry
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Charlie & Dale Kilbourne	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	Nancy Bryan	Kim Rodekohr
Ushers	Art & Sandy Schipper	Martha & Jim Wolf
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Flower Guild	Liz Stallings	

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VISION:

We strive to be an active, diverse and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES

COMMUNITY: INCLUSION: We support our We are an neighbors inclusive hrough service & community compassion. We where people of are a safe space & all identities, a supportive backgrounds & histories are community where members welcome to find are cared for by & continue their one another. spiritual journey.

OF JESUS CHRIST: We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.

THE MESSAGE

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow & strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.

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CALENDAR

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)

8:45 am +Communion

10 am +Meet the Traditional Music Director

10 am Coffee Hour (P)

10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)

10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)

11 am +Communion

12 pm Coffee Hour (P)

4 pm Meditation

8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 5/19

7 am AA Meeting (P)

9 am +Morning Prayer

4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band

8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 5/20

7 am AA Meeting (P)

9 am +Morning Prayer

12 pm Sustainable Solano (K)

7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)

7 pm +GGSOC Practice

WEDNESDAY: 5/21

7am AA Meeting (P)

9 am +Morning Prayer

10 am +Communion

11 am Bible Study (P)

4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

7 pm +GVRD Symph Band

THURSDAY: 5/22

7am AA Meeting (P)

7:30 am Coffee w/ Rev. Annie

9 am +Morning Prayer

2 pm Benicia Friendship Club

Author Discussion (P)

FRIDAY: 5/23

7 am AA Meeting (P)

9 am +Morning Prayer

5:30 pm TGIFF (U)

7 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 5/24

7 am AA Meeting (U)

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)

8:45 am +Communion

10 am Coffee Hour (P)

10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)

10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)

11 am +Communion

12 pm Coffee Hour (P)

8 pm AA (P)



KEY

+ = CHURCH

P = PARISH HALL

U = UNDERCROFT

R = RECTORY

K = KITCHEN