**St. Anne’s Episcopal Church**

**May 18, 2025**



**FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

**MAY 18, 2025**

**HYMN: “**Jesus Christ is risen today**” #207,** vs. 1-2

Priest:  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Priest:  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**.

Priest: Lord, Have Mercy.

***People: Christ, Have Mercy.***

**All: Lord, Have Mercy.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

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.

***All: Amen.***

**THE WORD OF GOD**

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, `Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, `By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, `What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 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. The 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. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, `Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, `John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If 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?" When 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."

The Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

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

He made them stand fast forever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

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

Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He 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!

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation 21:1-6**

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.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

### John 13:31-35

### Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

### *All: Glory to you, Lord, Christ*

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."

**Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.**

***All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**SERMON**

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***All:    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.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Intercessor: The fruit of God's Spirit is love.

Encourage the Church to follow the loving path of Christ, embracing all of mankind. May it always accept all.

Loving God,

***All: Hear our prayer***.

Inspire world leaders to cooperate with one another, and solve problems without bloodshed. Help them to love their enemies.

Loving God,

***All: Hear our prayer***.

Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves by ministering to their needs. Let us never forget the poor, the oppressed, and the lonely.

Loving God,

***All: Hear our prayers***.

Protect your people from disasters such as earthquakes, fires, and other weather related storms.

Loving God,

***All: Hear our prayer***.

Cure the sick, and give hope to the dying.

Loving God,

***All: Hear our prayer***.

Priest: Lord keep us in your love, preserve our community, and do not let us become separated from one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**THE PEACE**

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

***All: And also with you.***

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Hymn for Reflection**:

*“*Hail thee festival day”

Priest:  All things come of thee O Lord.

***All:  And of thine own have we given thee.***

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

Priest:The Lord be with you

***All: And also with you.***

Priest:Lift up your hearts.

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

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

***All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Priest:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

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.

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

***All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

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 forever.

*All: Amen*.

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

**The Lord’s Prayer**

***All: 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**

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

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

**Prayer of St. Alphonsus:** (10AM)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.   
I love You above all things,   
and I desire to receive You into my soul.   
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,   
come at least spiritually into my heart.   
I embrace You as if You were already there   
and unite myself wholly to You.   
Never permit me to be separated from You.

All: ***Amen***

**COMMUNION REFLECTION:**

“Crown him with many crowns”

**Post Communion Prayer**

***All: 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**

Priest: May the blessing of almighty God descend upon you and remain with you always. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

**DISMISSAL**

Priest: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

**HYMN: “**Alleluia, sing to Jesus**” #460 vs. 1&2**

Lectors: Counters: Lock Up: Altar Guild: Acolyte:

**8:00 a.m.**  8:00 a.m.

Ruth Robin Ruth Norm

**10:00 a.m.**  K. Cook  10:00 a.m.

Joan



**Birthdays Anniversaries**

**Ango O’Hara 5/25**

**Another Daybreak Opportunity**

**Monday, June 2, 2025**

**The Outreach Team is looking for food preparers/servers to go on site at Daybreak on Monday, June 2, 2025. We are also looking for bakers to supply desserts (the favorite part of the meal).**

**If you are interested in participating as a baker or foodprep/server, please sign up on the sign-up sheet.**

**Outreach is a Beautiful Thing**

**The Kindness Project (TKP)**

**Provides support to foster families and the children across eastern PA by supplying clothing, shoes, furniture, and other essential items-free of charge.**

**\*\*\*\*Immediate Need**

**Spring and summer PJs of all sizes (newborn to young adult mens/women)**

**Boys seem to be the biggest need from toddler to size 14 boys.**

**Crocs of all sizes and girls shoes( sneakers or every day wear) size toddlers to girls 3-4**

**Continuing Needs**

**toddler socks**

**crib sheets**

**bassinet sheets**

**Pack and play sheets**

**crib mattress protectors**

**baby towels**

**burp cloths**

**baby hygiene for sensitive skin (baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion)**

**Monetary donations can be made by putting a check in the offering plate on Sunday or mailing a check. Please put “Kindness Project -Fund 64” in the memo line.**

**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

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| **UPCOMING EVENTS - SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN PARISH HALL** |
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| 6/29 Annual summer picnic and raffle basket $1 a ticket to play |  |

***Church Services***

**Sunday, May 18th Sunday, May 25th  Sunday, June 1st**  *8:00 & 10:00 a.m. 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.*

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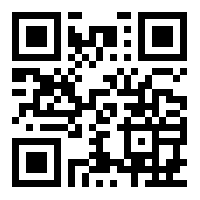
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