

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 2023—8:30am**



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Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

### + **Gathering** +

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### **Prelude**

"In Christ Alone" *arr. by Larry Shackley*

#### + **Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

#### + **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

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**+ Gathering Song**

“Cry of My Heart”

**Refrain:** It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days  
of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted  
to You.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly  
devoted to You.

All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life!

Terry Butler

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the  
life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his  
commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for  
he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. **Amen.**

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**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**Bell Choir**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Joel Raney

**First Reading**

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from Acts.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

+ Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The third staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The fifth staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The sixth staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. 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### + Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>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’? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

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**+ Song of the Day**

“Grace Alone”

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

**Refrain:** Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown He will provide.  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,  
we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

\* universal



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### + Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: “Lord, Be Glorified”

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**Refrain:**    **In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.**

**In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

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God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world.

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster.

### **Refrain**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick, especially those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*).

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

### **Refrain**

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**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at*

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521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325*



**+ Offering Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.  
Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. **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 our thanks and praise.**

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

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### + Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### + Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

#### ***Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace***

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

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**Communion Song**

“Taste and See”

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of  
the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of  
the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was  
set free.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of  
the Lord.

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you  
ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our  
trust.  
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of  
the Lord.

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**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by  
the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

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### + Sending Song

“Here I am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:** Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them, whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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### + Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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