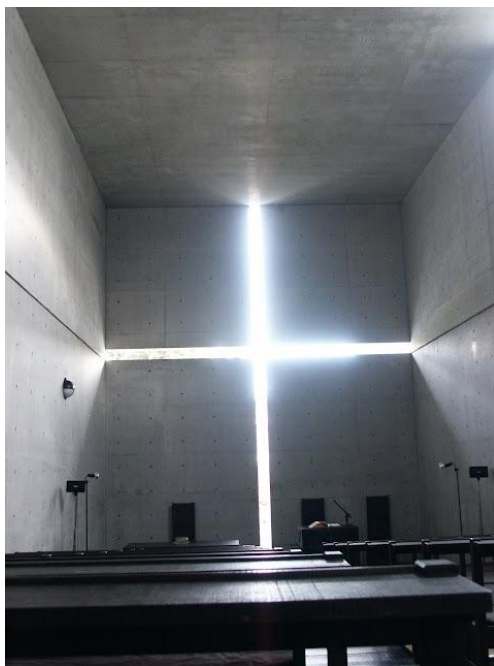




# The Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A (Track 2)



May 3, 2026  
10:15am

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*Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome!*

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**SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**WE ARE CALLED TO KNOW, LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

**WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AT SAINT MICHAEL'S!**

We're glad you're here. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to participate during worship as much as you are comfortable. We hope this bulletin will help. All words in bold are the congregations to say; please feel free to join in.

**BOOKS FOR WORSHIP**

Normally, our Sunday service begins on page 351 of *The Book of Common Prayer*, also referred to as the BCP. This is our primary book for worship in the Episcopal Church. In this bulletin you will see page numbers that reference where to find things in the BCP. Many responses are short enough that after a few weeks of worshipping in an Episcopal Church they become second nature. In your pew is a Bible. It contains the scripture readings that form the first half of our service. There's also a Hymnal and a book that we call "The Alleluia book" in your pew. The Hymnal is called *The Hymnal 1982*.

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP**

Episcopalians like to sing and that's very true here at Saint Michael's. Much of our music is in the Hymnal and in the Alleluia book; however, supplementary music will be found here in this bulletin.

**RECEIVING COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. It is customary to receive the bread in your hands and to guide the chalice with your hands. You may receive in one kind only (only the bread or only the wine). Should you desire a gluten-free host, please ask the priest when she comes to you. If you are not a baptized Christian or you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing; when the priest gets to you, simply cross your arms in front of your chest and she will give you a blessing. If you wish to be Baptized into the Body of Christ, please feel free to talk to the priest after the service or by calling the office.

**LIVE STREAMING**

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The readings for worship may also be found at [LectionaryPage.net](https://www.lectionarypage.net),

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN      *CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION*      HYMNAL #518

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY      BCP 355

SONG OF PRAISE      *GLORY TO GOD*      HYMNAL #S 280

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY      BCP 225

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

**Good morning, God.**

**This is your day.**

**I am your child.**

**Please show me your way. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MTR. JEN FULTON

## WE SING YOUR PRAISES

Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your prais-es, all our  
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your  
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.  
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE      *LORD, BE MY ROCK OF SAFETY (PSALM 31)*      MARTY HAUGEN

The musical score is written on four staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, be my rock of safe - ty. Lord, be my rock of safe - ty. Lord, be my rock, Lord, be my rock, Lord, be my rock of safe - ty." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

1. To you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free; incline your ear to me, and speedily rescue me.
2. Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
3. Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope, hope in the Lord

THE EPISTLE

1 PETER 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 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. 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.” 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”, 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. 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

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.”

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. JEN FULTON

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steadfast God, you have never abandoned your promise to be with your people. Be present to us now and hear us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Imbue your church with the courage of Stephen, that it may hold steadfast to Christ and uphold always your command to love one another. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our siblings in Christ. On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John of the Cross in Bristol, Thomas Gresik their Priest-in-Charge, and Cyd Sunday their Deacon; and for Saint Francis in Chesterton and Erik Grayvold their Priest-in-Charge. On the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of North India. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to those in authority in our lives, that they may not be seduced by the expedient or the popular, but strive always to lead us towards true safety, seeking the welfare of all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to share our faith with confidence through our actions and choices, and especially in our mercy to those in need. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and sustain us as we forge new ways of life to contend with the conflicts of the world and climate change, and help us to hold onto the power of your promises even and especially when we feel hopeless. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let your healing presence be known to all who suffer from any trouble; bring wholeness to all that is broken in our lives and in our world. We pray for those on our parish prayer list:

Mary Reber	Michael Griffith	Charlene Bollman
Joyce Frost	Marvin Curtis	Barb Wilson
Larry Willoughby	Anita Thomas	Phil Bays
June Bays	Sonja Smith	Mac Trench
Ren Singleton	Susse	Joshua Lewis
Victoria Gould	Stephanie Kramer	Fred Kramer
Rick Wilson	Mary Ann La Plante	and Marty Wolfe.
Fr. Randy Melton		

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless those celebrating birthdays, including Sheila Reidy, Samuel Hixon, and Gary Rigley; and those celebrating anniversaries, including Cindy and Randy VanParys. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**





Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God...

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

CURTIS STEPHAN

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your  
 Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

And we offer our sacrifice...

*Celebrant* *People*  
 A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER & THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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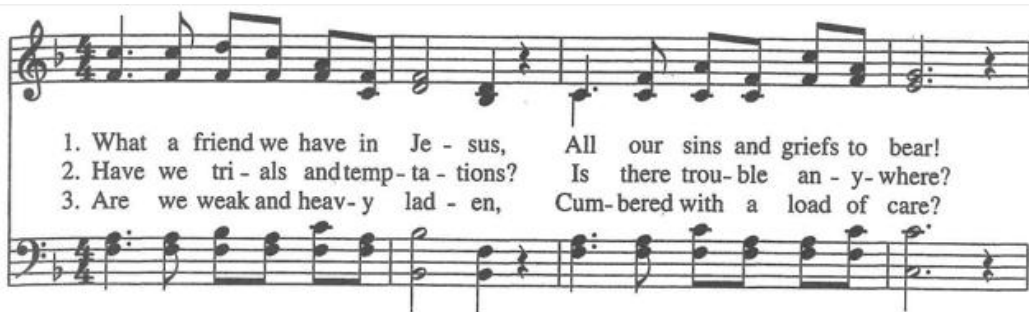
CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

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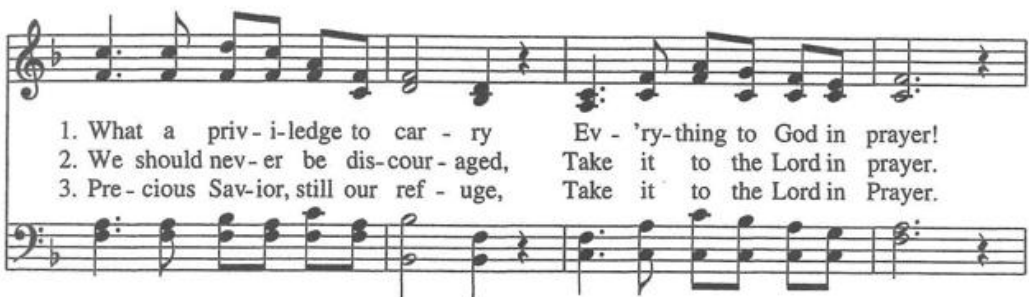
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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COMMUNION



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - ledge to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in Prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. What a priv-i-ledge to car-ry Ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 2. We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 3. Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-u-ge, Take it to the Lord in Prayer.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

A PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH A LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. May you carry our prayers and love as you go, and may Christ's presence be known in the breaking of the bread. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELERS

50. FOR A BIRTHDAY

BCP 830

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Anniversaries:

**O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these couples who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true**

**fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

53. FOR TRAVELERS

BCP 831

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

BLESSING

BOS 15

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.**

DISMISSAL

BCP 366

CLOSING HYMN

*THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY*

HYMNAL #470

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**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

Please join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation. As you leave the sanctuary, you will find stairs to your right. If you continue going right at the stairs, you will find an elevator. If you require assistance, please ask!

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*The altar flowers are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Connie Coe, by the Fulton and Anderson families.*

*Cover Art: Interior of the Church of the Light (God called you out of darkness into his wonderful light). Designed by Tadao Ando, in Ibaraki, Osaka Prefecture. Sourced from Wikimedia.*

## **WE BELIEVE...**

### **...that We Are Not to Hide the Mistakes and the Problems.**

Jesus alone was sinless. The rest of us are bound to get things wrong from time to time. Sometimes the problems are a result of our egotism, selfishness, and unkindness. Sometimes they are blunders or oversights. Sometimes the problems are not our fault, but we are the ones who have to sort things out.

A Christian community is one that expects mistakes and expects problems. There is the temptation to hide the mistakes and hope the problems will just go away. They do not. The honest and most helpful way forward is to come clean: to identify the mistake and describe the problem. Invite others inside the community to suggest the best way forward. There are always choices. Honesty early on can create better and more attractive alternatives for resolution and forgiveness.

-Excerpt from *Community Rules: An Episcopal Manual*,  
by Ian S. Markham and Kathryn Glover

## **This Week at Saint Michael's**

### **Sunday, May 3**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Discretionary Fund Sunday

9:00am Adult Forum (What Easter teaches us about what we believe)

10:15am Eucharist & Coffee Hour

12:15pm SOS Planning meeting

1:00pm Family Garden Work Day

### **Monday, May 4**

10:00am AA Meeting

5:30pm Communal Prayer Practice (Living in an Icon or Centering Prayer)

6:30pm Praying Hearts Ministry meeting

7:00pm South Bend Symphonic Choir rehearsal

### **Tuesday, May 5**

7:00pm River Bend Chorus Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, May 6**

9:30am Morning Prayer at Andre Place

11:15am Midweek at Mikes (Lectio: John 14:15-21)

### **Thursday, May 7**

Mtr. Jen in Munster, IN at an all-day Standing Committee meeting

12:30pm All Clarinet Ensemble (ACE) Rehearsal

### **Friday, May 8**

6:30pm Supper Club

### **Saturday, May 9**

Mtr. Jen Day Off

9:00am Family Garden Work Day

**Sunday, May 10**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

Mother's Day

SOS Giving Day (Item: Canned fruit)

Colm Cregan & Shery Roussarie's last Sunday

10:15am Eucharist & Coffee Hour

**Upcoming Dates**

**Monday, May 11 – Wednesday, May 13**

Mtr. Jen gone at Diocesan Spring Clergy Conference

**Monday, May 11**

9:00am Food Gift Card Assistance Day

Communal Prayer Practice CANCELLED

**Wednesday, May 13**

9:30am Morning Prayer at Andre Place (Nan Noecker Presiding)

11:15am Midweek at Mikes CANCELLED

6:30pm Finance Committee meeting

**Thursday, May 14**

Ascension Day

11:15am Ascension Day Eucharist followed by a bring-your-own bag lunch

**Friday, May 15 – Sunday, May 17**

Mtr. Jen and Brad in Iowa City, IA visiting their daughter

**Saturday, May 16**

10:00am SOS (Service on Saturday)

**Sunday, May 17**

The Seventh Sunday after Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

10:15 Morning Prayer with Communion by Extension & Coffee Hour



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Rector: The Rev. Jen Fulton

### THE VESTRY

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Chris Dunlap (2028)  
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