

The Holy Eucharist

May 18, 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE PRELUDE

Virgo Dei Genitrix

Gregorian chant, organ setting by Marcel Dupré

The Liturgy of Gathering

As the bell is rung, please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN *

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service H-610



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray.... Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 Savior. Amen.



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God 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.**

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 Laudate Dominum

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 for ever 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!

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES Revelation 21:1-6

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the Revelation to John.

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."

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Hallelujah



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O 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."

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY Patti Walter

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died. The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once.

Celtic Alleluia



Officiant: This Easter Season we pray to you, Gracious God, knowing that the power of the Easter message can transform us and those for whom we pray.

Reader: For the church of God, that its voice may be energized by the Easter message to proclaim the Kingdom of God at hand. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For all those who seek a deeper faith — especially those in the Anglican Communion and those who will choose the next Archbishop, and for the Episcopal Church — for Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishop Kym, that they may devoutly lead us through the Easter Season. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For the Earth, our island home, that our leaders may discover what needs to be done to cherish and protect it, showing us the way. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For the leaders of the world, that they may come together to find ways to hold its people in peace. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For our country, that those in positions of power may be mindful of their responsibilities to serve the needs of all the people, and for those who are trying to hold their leaders accountable. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For all of us at St. Barnabas, that we may lovingly care for each other as we listen for our call as a community. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For the process of searching for the next rector at St. Barnabas, that all may recognize the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For all the ways we at St Barnabas seek to reach out to those in need, especially The Gathering Place in their service to provide care to women, gender-diverse people, and children facing homelessness and instability. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially Betsy, Rachel, Terry, Kitty, Raphael, Shannon and Marcus, Mother Georgia and Janet, Michael, those imprisoned or expelled from the country without due process, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster and those we name aloud or in silence. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

For those now held completely by you, we pray for their peace and for the healing of our grief, and for those we name in silence or aloud. We offer this prayer,

Trusting in Your Grace.

Celebrant: We offer all these prayers grateful for the power of transformation you patiently hold out to each of us. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this day we express our deep gratitude for those who teach, plan, lead, and prayerfully consider the spiritual formation needs of our congregation. From our youngest ones to those who have walked in faith for many years, the offerings have been both encouraging and challenging. Our teachers/leaders are: Adult ministry: Larry Volmert, Jana Everett, Jody Will; Youth ministry: Aaron Sefton; Children's Spiritual Formation: Lena Potyondy and Carolyn Wolfrum.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Patti: For your prayerful and dedicated planning long before any of your participants enter your space.

People: We give you thanks for your diligent study and preparations.

Patti: For your leadership in creating experiences where learning can flourish, and participants are welcomed into a community of learners.

People: We give you thanks for your open hearts that welcome us all into a rich

community of learners.

Patti: For those days when getting yourself out the door to show up for those under your watch takes extra effort.

People: We give you thanks for your commitment on the days when staying home would be the easier option.

Patti: For the compassionate care you give to those who are hurting in your classroom and meetings.

People: We give you thanks for your listening ear and the healing presence that you bring.

Patti: For your attentiveness to the movement of God's Spirit as you lead your ministry.

People: We give God thanks for you!

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Liturgy of the Meal

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem

Love is Love is Love

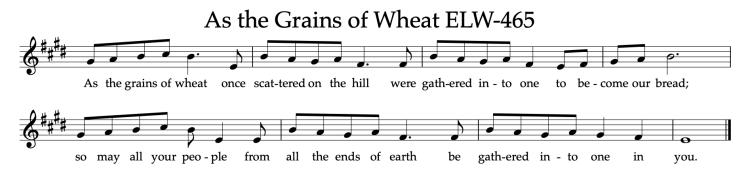
Abbie Betinis

Choir

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Offertory Hymn



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Preface

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

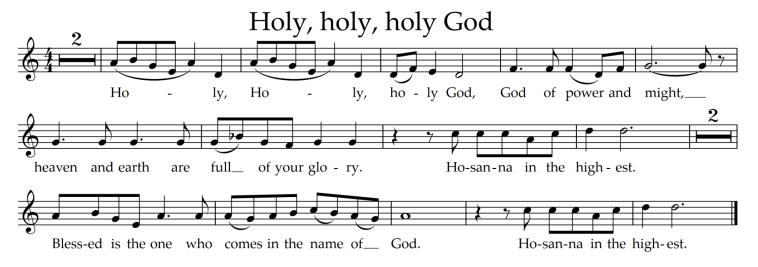
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



The Celebrant continues

And so, gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for us.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our Ancestors: God of Sarah and Abraham; of Rebekkah and Isaac; of Leah and Rachel and Jacob; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

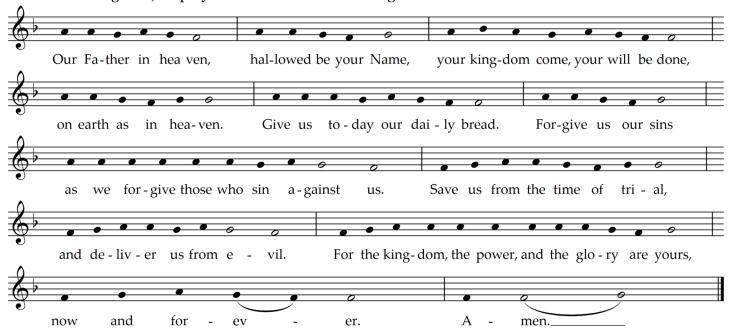
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, holy God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

It is our custom at St. Barnabas to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



The Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction Anthem



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The Invitation to Communion**

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Come and know Christ at this table; receive what you are and become what you receive.

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Please be seated. This is the table of God. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the wafer into your hand. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the wafer in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Music During Communion

Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn Sicilienne Maurice Ravel Francis Poulenc

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Almighty God,

You have graciously accepted us as living members of our risen Lord, 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

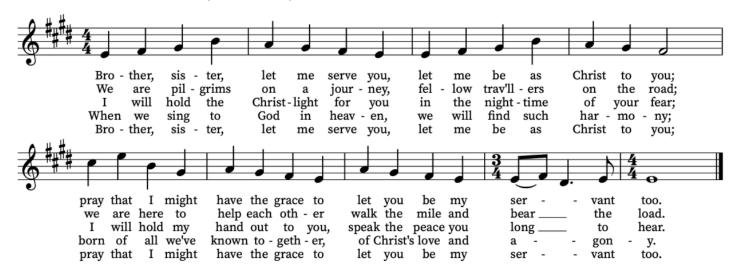
The Liturgy of Sending

THE BLESSING

Go now into the world with the blessing of God: May the God whose passion it is to create, +to love, and to sanctify the whole creation light your ways with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You VF-124



THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Grand chœur

César Franck

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to Noon.

Welcome to St. Barnabas!

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

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Those In Need of Prayer

The Hayes family, Dennis Kennedy, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Selah Kay, Atlee Witt, Meghann and Kai, the Alden family, Brian Reid, Greg Roosevelt, Kate, Jill Schlegal, Margaret Noteman, Darryl Searuggs, Rob, Jane Schmitz, Matt and Suzy Stolwyk, Frank Baker, Ellen Janasko, Spencer Mize, Skyler Spettle, Deb Sawtelle, Scott West, Lan Peng and stepson Jackson, Kathy Mordeaux, Betsy Wier, Rachel Lee Nakamoto, Terry, Kitty, Raphael, Shannon Pergament and Marcus Lowry, Mother Georgia and Janet Nelson, Agatha Morrell, Elsa Najdeni, Patti Walter, Michael Jordan, those imprisoned or expelled from the country without due process, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, and those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster.

New to the prayer list

Michael Jordan

Those who have died

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

This Week's Parish Scheoule

Sunday, May 18: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:20 am Children's Spiritual Formation i the Godly Play Room
- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist (sung)* in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall

Tuesday, May 20

- 10:00 am: Staff meeting
- 1:00 pm: Worship and the Arts Meeting via Zoom
- 5:30 pm: Leadership Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, May 21

- 10:00 am: Bible Study and Holy Eucharist in the Brady Room
- 11:30 am: Caring Ministry Meeting in the Brady Room

Thursday, May 22

• 7:00 pm: Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, May 25: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

• 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist (sung)* in the Sanctuary

Birthdays

Bea Moore

May 23

Anniversaries

Todd and Beth Trautman

May 18

Announcements

MAY GIVING-2-OTHERS

The Gathering Place offers a variety of services to women, gender diverse people, and children who are facing homelessness and instability. It was founded in 1986 by two social work graduate students who identified huge unmet needs in Denver. Over the years they have supplied food (both meals and groceries), shelter (recently through the Elati Village Micro Community started in 2024), basic services (showers, laundry, and access to mail, phones, and computers), a clothing bank, and mental health care. All of these services are provided at no cost to those served. For more information visit

https://tgpdenver.org/

Donate online or you can earmark a check to St. Barnabas for Giving-2-others and place it in the offering plate, the office, or mail it in.

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THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY!

St. Barnabas is a very giving community and you've demonstrated it once again with your support for Giving-2-Others in March and April. Casa de Paz will receive \$1,600 from our ingathering in March - \$1,100 from parishioners plus an Outreach grant of \$500. In April, the Outreach Committee partnered with the Youth Group and again you were generous. The St. Francis Center will receive a check for \$950 and you donated two carloads of much-needed supplies that the Youth Group delivered last week.

THE LAST FORUM UNTIL SEPTEMBER TODAY II:00 IN GRANT HALL

In this last Forum of the season, Patti Walter will lead a discussion and teaching on how we view God, specifically around gender. Many of us grew up with images and language of God as Father, but what about God as Mother, God as gender neutral Parent? And, you may be surprised by some of the images of God as Mother throughout scripture that will be discussed, such as God as a Ferocious Mother Bear who protects her young. We will take a look at some key scripture passages on this subject. Come and join this lively discussion!

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR/HOST AN AUCTION EVENT TODAY! REGISTER BY MAY 25

Register online or scan the QR code below https://forms.gle/Wrf44sQPMNvSgrRYA

Posters, paper registration forms, and a list of last year's auction events will be available on the table after worship. See ya at the French Picnic SATURDAY JUNE 7TH 4-7 PM. The Auction - The Gift that Keeps on Giving.



WANT TO HEAR YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS? SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST BY JUNE !!

In order to plan for summer worship, I'd like to gather your favorite hymns! We have access and licensing to the 1982 hymnal, LEVASII, Wonder, Love and Praise, Voices Found, Gather Comprehensive, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, and I'll soon explore purchasing

options for the United Methodist Hymnal. When you make your suggestions, it would be enormously helpful for you to include which hymnal it comes from. If you don't know, that's perfectly fine, too! Submit hymn suggestions at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fCtuJdqdqYZl8uK hz DkdTtA5d3kuBo3gYbd2OXXFpE/edit or email nichole.young@stbdenver.org.

Paper forms will be available after the next three Sundays services for you to fill out. Thank you so much for helping to make our summer worship more community planned!

MAY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As part of the Vestry's campaign to better acquaint the congregation with our various committees, May has been designated as the month to learn more about St. B's Stewardship Committee, which advises the Vestry and conducts various stewardship projects, including the Annual Giving Campaign, the Planned Giving Program, creation care efforts, and resource sharing.

Special thanks to our committee members: Sis Flor, Rachel Lee Nakamoto, Todd Trautman, Ed Wolfrum, and David Ford (chair), as well as Stephanie Kopsch (Rector), Jamie Henderson (Treasurer), and Carrie Corrigan (Vestry Liaison).

For more information check out our poster board in Lukens this month and/or contact David at DLFord@mac.com or 303.521.3564.

PETITION SIGNING FOR THE UNLAWFULLY EXPELLED IMMIGRANTS TAKE ACTION BY JULY I

Amnesty International is conducting a campaign against the unlawful expulsions of immigrants from the United States to El Salvador. Join us in signing a petition and/or writing a letter. Letter writing supplies will be provided in Lukens Wing after worship. To take action visit https://www.amnestyusa.org/

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO OPPOSE EXTREME TAX CUTS

Congress is deliberating extending tax cuts which have already affected programs such as Medicaid and SNAP which protect the most vulnerable.

As a church, our priority is to center around those at the margins of society by supporting a tax code that will reduce economic disparities and advocate for provisions like expanding tax credits for the Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Each of these tax credits would support Americans struggling to meet their basic needs and would help individuals and families live dignified lives.

For more information and to take action visit https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/