

Beckwith Prayers of the People

We give you thanks for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of forests, and bayous, for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. Increase our reverence for the beauty and the mystery of life; give us new insight into your purposes for us as stewards of your creation and give us wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

For all the leaders of the people of the world, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move their hearts and guide their actions, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

For our diocesan family, that we may grow in love for one another and for all people. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

For our teenagers who are claiming their lives, for our children who are beginning their lives. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

O God, in the course of this busy life, thank you for times of refreshment and peace; grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

For all people who have no time for leisure, for the poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the sick and suffering, and all who have none to care for them. We pray especially for refugees and those who are for them. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

This hour we turn to you, O Lord, in full knowledge of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our great need as your mortal creatures. We cry to you, as one human family, unsure of the path ahead, unequal to the unseen forces around us, frightened by the sickness and death that seem all too real to us now. Stir up your strength and visit us, O Lord; be our shield and rock and hiding place! Guide our leaders, our scientists, our nurses and doctors. Give them wisdom and fill their hearts with courage and determination.

Make even this hour, O Lord, a season of blessing for us, that in fear we find you mighty to save, and in illness or death, we find the cross to be none other than the way of life. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Peace and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory “ No Greater Lover ” M. Joncas

Presentation The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

Sanctus The Hymnal S~125

Breaking of the Bread  
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A Period of silence is kept.  
Then the Choir and People sing*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia.

Communion Hymn Taste and See WLP #764

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 366

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitor

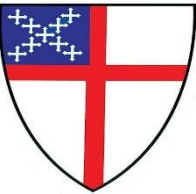
*Celebrant:* We send you forth with these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in this Communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.  
*People:* We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing by the Celebrant

Closing Hymn Joyful, joyful, we adore thee  
The Hymnal 1982 #376

Dismissal  
*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude “The Spring” by Antonio Vivaldi



St. Simon’s on the Sound  
Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

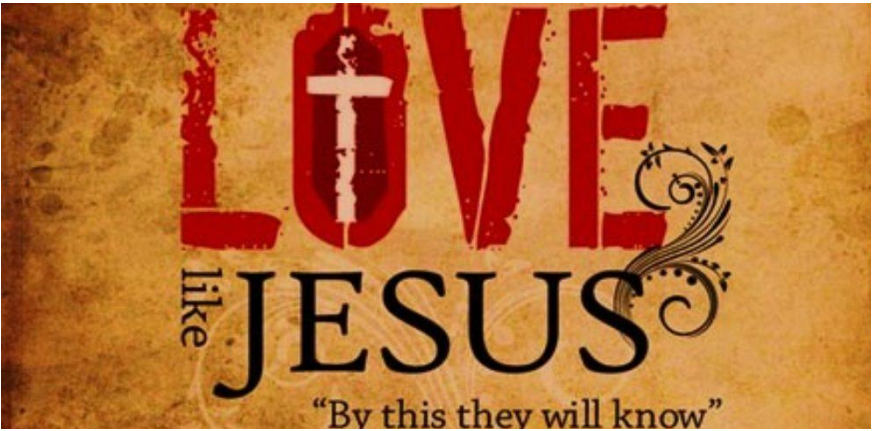
The Fifth Sunday of Easter \* May 18, 2025 \* 10:00 AM

Clergy: The Rt. Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend J. David Knight, Rector

Youth Sunday Honoring: Fisher Kelly & Lisa Mackin  
Grabriel McCrea & Alyssa Vinson

Choir: The St. Simon’s Choir, Directed by Kelly Koontz  
Organist/Pianist Doug Koontz

Book of Common Prayer = BCP Red The Hymnal 1982 = Blue



Prelude “Simple Gifts” American Folk Song  
arranged by Schultz-Widmar

Opening Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!  
The Hymnal 1982 #450

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of Purity

All: 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.

The Gloria The Hymnal 1982 S~280

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 225

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.*

A Reading from Acts

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."

Acts 11:1-18  
*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:1-14 BCP, p. 805

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!**

A Reading from Revelation

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."

Revelation 21:1-6  
*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn Glorious things of thee are spoken The Hymnal 1982 #522 Verses 1 & 2

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John  
*People:* **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."

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

Gospel Hymn Glorious things of thee are spoken The Hymnal 1982 #522 Verses 3 & 4

Sermon The Reverend J. David Knight  
*A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

Beckwith Sunday Creed

WE BELIEVE that Camp Beckwith is holy ground and a safe place for us to be real. that the summer camp staff is the best ever and they help us see God.

WE BELIEVE that summer is the best time of the year and rain is not so bad. that God was having a bad day when He made yellow flies and mosquitos and we believe in dinosaurs.

WE BELIEVE that all people have the same rights, and we do mean all.

WE BELIEVE that laughter is good for the soul, that miracles can and do happen, and that once saved, always saved.

WE BELIEVE that there is love in the world, that friendship is romance, in general respect, and that nobody deserves to suffer.

WE BELIEVE in loyalty and that peace is obtainable.

WE BELIEVE in God, and that God knows everything. We don’t know how, but we believe it

WE BELIEVE in equality and in the right to choose, And that God’s sacraments are for everyone.

WE BELIEVE in Jesus and that he is alive WE BELIEVE in the power of prayer. We hope for happiness. And we believe that we are going to heaven.

WE BELIEVE that we are blessed and beautiful. We believe in love.