

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 2025 ♦ 8:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by David Fenn in loving memory of Louise Fenn; and by Sara Schulz in loving memory of her parents.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, May 18

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, May 19

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 20

- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Group Meeting

Thursday, May 22

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Christian Education: Screwtape Letter class led by Dale Westervelt

Friday, May 16

- 7:00 pm Antiques Show Setup

Saturday, May 17

- 7:00 am Antiques Show Setup

Sunday, May 25

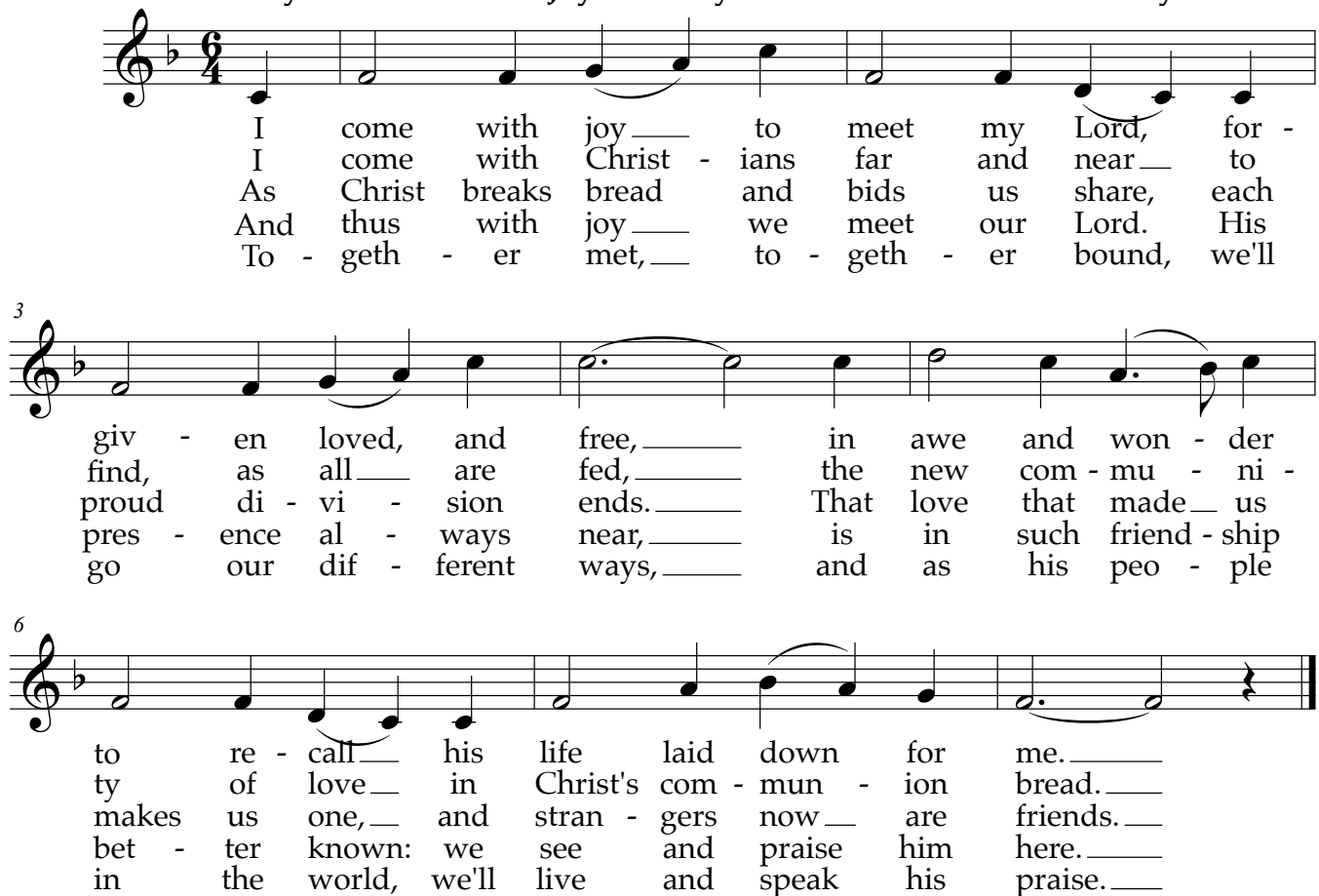
- 7:00 am Antiques Show Setup
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, May 26 — Memorial Day (church office closed)

- 7:00 am Antiques Show Setup
- 6:00 pm St. Anne's Guild Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

The Processional Hymn: I Come with Joy Meet My Lord

Hymnal #304



I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 I come with Christ - ians far and near to
 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll
 giv - en loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 pres - ence al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple
 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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 adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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The Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Collect for Purity	Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Summary of the Law.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Kyrie.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Collect of the Day	Book of Common Prayer p. 173
The First Lesson.....	Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was

pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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 Response Psalm 148 (Book of Common Prayer p. 805)

The Epistle Revelation 21:1-6

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
⁴he 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."

⁵And 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." ⁶Then 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 Holy Gospel John 13:31-35

³¹At 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. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333

The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

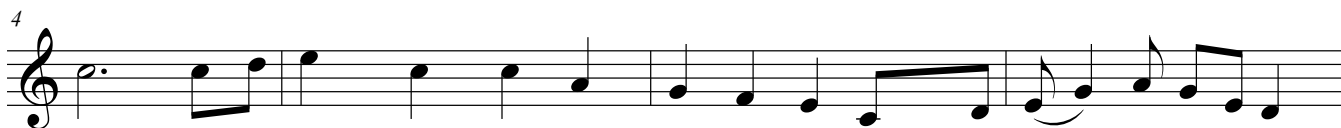
The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West

Hymnal #529



In_ Christ there is no_ East of West, In Him no South or
Join hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What e'er your race may
In_ Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and



North; But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide
be! Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is_ sure - ly kin to
North; All_ Christ - ly souls are one in him Through out the whole wide



earth.
me.
earth.

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The Postlude

Trumpet Tune - No. VII

Paul Fey

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Heredia, Michael Strong, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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