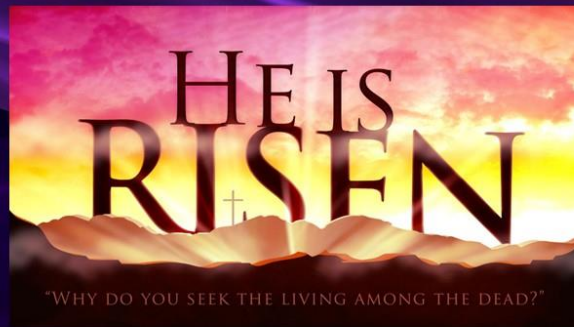




**Old St. Paul's**  
Anglican Church



# **The Season of Easter**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Organ Prelude – Paul Tree**

**Meditation from "Thais" (Massenet)**

**Themes from Die Fledermaus (Strauss)**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Opening Hymn**

**CP 10 We the Lord's People**

**Opening Greeting**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **to you all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**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.**

**Gloria – Cantor Version (Sung)**

*Cantor* Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

*All* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,**

*almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**First Reading: Acts 7: 55 - 60**

#### ***A Reading from the Book of Acts***

<sup>55</sup> But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 31: 1 - 5, 15 - 16**

**Said responsively by the full verse**

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.”

**Gloria Patri – Chanted**

*Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

**Second Reading**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2 - 10**

***A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation CP 405 Alleluia No. 1 (Refrain and Verse 1)**

*(Refrain)*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give praise to his name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth;*

*He is the king of creation.*

*(Refrain)*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give praise to his name.*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **John 14: 1 - 14**

1 “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.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Response CP 405 Alleluia No. 1 ( Refrain only )**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give praise to his name.*

**Sermon – Reverend Patrick**

**Musical Presentation**

**Anthem - We Are the Church (Marsh)**

**Old St. Paul’s Choir**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Flowers on the Altar**

The Flowers on the Altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Ellen Tree; from her family.

## **Prayers of the People**

We pray for our church leadership, Todd our bishop; Shane our primate; Anne our Metropolitan; Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop; Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and Patrick our Rector, the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

Today we pray especially for those who are sick or infirm that need our prayers

< *Names* >

and now for all those who you wish to name either silently or aloud that are in need of our prayers today.

Let us Pray to the Lord

**Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

God, we stand before you with open and humble hearts. In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel how you are revealed in glory throughout all the earth.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

God of love, show us our place in this world; help us to be aware that we are interconnected with all the non-human creatures with whom we share the earth. They came forth from your hand; they are yours as much as we are, and not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

Creator God, we enjoy the abundant fruits of the earth, yet, we acknowledge that we in the developed world often waste the gifts of the earth, taking more than our share, leaving our sisters and brothers in other places in poverty and need. Renew our minds and transform us into servants of the earth, so that the richness and bounty of your creation will sustain, not only us, but generations to come after us.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

Holy and gracious God, teach us to empathise with all of creation. May our hearts hear and respond to the songs of creation all around us, songs of celebration from the sea, the forest and the air. Holy God, teach us to care for and respond with compassion, seeking justice for all you have created both today and for generations to come. **Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
**All we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### **Offertory Hymn**

**CP 551 What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### *Easter*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the true paschal lamb  
who has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us eternal life.  
Therefore, joining our voices  
with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Sanctus & Benedictus – CP 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sung)*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*we remember his death, (Sung)  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;*

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People Amen (Sung)*

**The Lord's Prayer – (Said)**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of Bread - 8 Easter Season**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Celebrant* Alleluia, the gifts of God for the people of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

## **The Communion**

*Agnus Dei – Proulx*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

*The introduction for the first Communion Hymn will play while Slides explaining Communion play while Choir receives their Communion.*

## *Communion Music*

*Hymns:*      **SNC 30 All Who Hunger**  
                  **SNC 74 Holy, Holy, Holy**  
                  **SNC 32 When At This Table**

## **Prayer After Communion**

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Benediction/The Blessing**

**Amen- Sung**

## **Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn**

**CP 461 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

**Dismissal**

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Organ Postlude – Paul Tree**  
**Hungarian Dance (Brahms)**

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