



Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

Restoring all people to loving unity with Christ

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Hymn 408

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant continues

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.**

In the Garden Insert

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

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 the Book of 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A brief period of silent reflection follows the reading.

Psalm 148 *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his;
 praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD;
 for he commanded, and they were created.

6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars;

10 **Wild beasts and all cattle,
 creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the world;

12 **Young men and maidens,
 old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
 for his Name only is exalted,
 his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 **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 the book of 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]*

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Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life Hymn 487

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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." [John 13:31-35]

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

“This I Believe” Speech Stella Corum

The Homily Fr. Allen Hill
A brief period of silence follows the homily.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People
At the end of each petition
People Hear our prayer.

A brief silence is kept. The Celebrant then says the concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements

Offertory
If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

O Holy City, Seen of John Hymn 583

The Doxology (sung)

People Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

At the Breaking of the Bread, we say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;
People Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at Holy Comforter. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup or dip the bread in the cup. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead.
If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth Hymn 603

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Insert

Prayer After Communion BCP 365

The Blessing

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him Hymn 379

The Dismissal BCP 366

The altar flowers this Sunday are sponsored by Sandi & Dave Jacobsen in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Welcome!

At Holy Comforter, we strive to follow and obey Christ as our Savior and Lord. Everyone is welcome in our church. Whatever your background may be, whether you have some faith or no faith, whether you're looking for a church home or just wanting to see what a church is like, we're glad to have you with us.

Your Gift Makes a Difference



HCEC runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text **GIVE to (844) 462-8754**; or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance, 2015 Fleischmann Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each Sunday. Please see Ms. Hannah or Ms. Caitlin in the Narthex.

Prayers of the Church

Pray for: Celeste, Mae, Cynthia, Herb, Rhonda, Bonnie, Lee, Russell, Marcie, Sterling, Marcie, Jan, Anita, Valerie, Suzy, Mason, Kayleigh, Elizabeth, Patsy, Susan, Pat, Joy, Diane, Josefa, Avri, Vicki, Marguerite, Diane, Allison, Jack, and Dennis.

Pray for all who have died.

Pray for all who serve in the military.

Pray for our companion churches & their Clergy.

Pray for the students & faculty of our school.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Jane, Julia, and Emma.

Pray for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Dave & Sandi, and Keith & Arlene.

Song of Praise:
In The Garden

Verse 1

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling
on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Chorus

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we
tarry there
None other has ever known

Verse 2

He speaks and the sound of
His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush
their singing
And the melody that He gave
to me
Within my heart is ringing

Verse 3

I'd stay in the garden with
Him
Tho' the night around me be
falling
But He bids me go thro' the
voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

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Communion 2:
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Verse 1

O soul are you weary and
troubled
No light in the darkness you
see
There's light for a look at the
Savior
And life more abundant and
free

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful
face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and
grace

Verse 2

Through death into life
everlasting
He passed and we follow
Him there
Over us sin no more hath
dominion
For more than conquerors we
are

Verse 3

His Word shall not fail you He
promised
Believe Him and all will be
well
Then go to a world that is
dying
His perfect salvation to tell

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Upcoming Events

May 14 - The Foundations Course @ 6:30p



May 18 - Step Up Sunday & Buck Breakfast

- Kona Ice Truck
- 8th Grade Fundraiser
- Speech by Stella



May 21 - The Foundations Course @ 6:30p



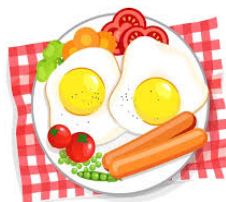
May 25 - Rogation Sunday

- Good News Garden



May 28 - The Foundations Course @ 6:30p

June 1 - Buck Breakfast & Ascension Sunday



June 4 - The Foundations Course @ 6:30p

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday & Potluck Lunch

