



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✝ DECATUR, ALABAMA

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 18, 2025

### 8:00 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

*Please keep a reverent silence before the liturgy and ensure all electronic devices are silenced.*

*Prayers and liturgy can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal.*

*Hymns listed with an "S" in front of the number can be found in the front of the hymnal in the Service Music section.*

Organ Prelude

Voluntary in G  
George Berg

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Hymn of Praise

**Hymn 199**

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

The Psalm

Psalm 148

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

The Sermon

Sarah DiCarlo-Watts

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession & Absolution

BCP 330

The Peace

BCP 332

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

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#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

**Hymn 380**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1

BCP 333

Sanctus

**Hymn S114**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Fraction Anthem

***God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

BCP 339

Procession Hymn

**Hymn 213**

Dismissal

BCP 339

# 10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

Voluntary in G

George Berg

Processional Hymn

**Hymn 199**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis

**Hymn S280**

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

The Psalm

Psalm 148

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

**Hymn 487**

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

The Sermon

Sarah DiCarlo-Watts

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

**Hymn 380**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

**Hymn S125**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

***God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Communion Hymn

**Hymn 691**

Communion Hymn

**Hymn 304**

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

**Hymn 213**

Dismissal

BCP 366

*All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire to intinct, please allow the Eucharist Minister to dip your host in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## The Collect of the Day

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.

## Acts 11:1-18

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."

## Psalms 148

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Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were  
created.

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

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> 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!

### Revelation 21:1-6

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."

### John 13:31-35

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."

## SERVING TODAY

<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Steve Price, Bobbi Wilson
<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 AM: Kathy Stoner	10:30 AM: Anne Ness
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	8:00 AM: Alexander Steel	10:30 AM: Bynum Kirby
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00 AM: Alexander Steel	10:30 AM: Kathy Landis, Piper Nickels, Parker Tubb
<b>Media Ministry</b>	Jen DiCarlo-Watts	
<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	Victoria Tumbleson	
<b>Flower Rearranger</b>	Lou Green	
<b>Flower Deliverer</b>	D Hall	