

The Holy Eucharist

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Easter / Year A

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

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Lector: Melo Scanlon

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our worship of God is offered both in person and on Facebook livestream at the same time. You may find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/>. For those worshipping in person, the use of facemasks is optional and we encourage respect for each person's choice to remain as healthy as possible.

We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Klallam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

The Salutation

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father
have mercy on us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading – Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 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. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

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.

The Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 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. 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.”

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”,

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.

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel – John 14:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way
to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are
going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the
life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my
Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 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’? 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. 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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily – The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

The Nicene Creed (said together, standing as you are able.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

And his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

People: **O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Mae Myers* and *Nicole Steller*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People Adapted from “Hear our Prayer” by Jon White and Lisa Graves

Leader

Steadfast God, you have never abandoned your promise to be with your people, be present to us now and hear us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Imbue your church with the courage of Stephen, especially Phil our bishop and Hillary our vicar, and for all the clergy and lay ministers throughout our diocese, that it may hold steadfast to Christ and uphold always your command to love one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to those in authority in our lives, especially Donald our president and Bob our governor, that they may not be seduced by the expedient or the popular, but strive always to lead us towards true safety, seeking the welfare of all people.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to share our faith with confidence through our actions and choices, and especially in our mercy to those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and sustain us as we forge new ways of life to contend with the conflicts of the world and climate change, and help us to hold onto the power of our promises even and especially when we feel hopeless.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your healing presence be known to all who suffer from any trouble; bring wholeness to all that is broken in our lives and in our world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant peace to the dead and dying, comfort to those who mourn or grieve; let the light of your love dispel the darkness in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the World Anglican Communion we give thanks and pray for the Church of North India (United). In Jerusalem and the Middle East we give thanks and pray for Nablus Kindergarten, Nablus, West Bank. In our own Diocese of Olympia we give thanks and pray for Christ Church, Anacortes; St. Paul's Bellingham.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The prayer list is read

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Let us pray for peace to come to our hurting world.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as beloved children of one God. For yours is the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes

Most glorious God, you have strengthened and sustained your people since first you called Abram to follow you. Lift us up, we pray, and help us to be the people we were created to be that we might fulfill your dream for our human family. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over thy children, 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements



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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence, *said together*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus (*Spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand as able. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, and the power, and the

glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*** Hand sanitizer can be found next to the hymnal and prayer books on the chair in front of you. ***
To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar behind the railing and in front. You may kneel or stand. Cup your hands in front of you to receive the bread. For the wine, you may choose either to get a single use compostable cup on your way to the altar, or drink from the common cup. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

*** If you would prefer to have communion brought to you for any reason, simply remain seated and let the usher know when your row is sent. The usher will alert the altar party, who will bring communion directly to you.*

Used communion cups may be placed in one of the bowls on either end of the first row of chairs.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Happy Birthday!

05-03 Mary Shear

05-07 Amelia Dolbec

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Charles & Ellizabeth Moorhead in celebration of granddaughter's college graduation.

Flowers arranged by Lori Fagan

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Benny & Cheryl Wright in celebration of our son Easton's birthday.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, May 3*** ***8am - Holy Eucharist Rite 1***
9:00am – Episcopal 101
10:15am - Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Teen Bible Study
6pm – Youth Group
- Wednesday, May 6*** ***11am - Peace Crane Making***
- Thursday, May 7*** ***12:30pm – Bible Study***
5:30pm – Evening Prayer Service
- Saturday, May 9*** ***2pm – Paint Party***
- Sunday, May 10*** ***8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1***
9am – Episcopal 101
10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2

***The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community who worship God,
grow in Christ, and serve others: Gather, Grow, and Go!***



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