

The Holy Eucharist

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey
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Acolytes: Ellery

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Lay Readers: Jim Foley, Nyah Fox

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and livestreamed on Facebook. You will 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.

Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as to show our respect for our musicians.

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. 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.

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn **"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"** Hymnal 487

Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

The Lord in Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

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.**

Gloria Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace _____ to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al -
might-y _____ God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a -
lone are the Most _____ High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God _____ the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

Thanks be to God.

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

In te, Domine, speravi

Psalm Tone 415



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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 de/liver 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn **“When from bondage we are summoned”** WLP 753

(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel and 4-5 after.)



1. When from bond - age we are sum - moned out of dark - ness in - to light,
2. When our God names us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand
3. Through all stag - es of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day,
4. We must not lose sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss,
5. See the prize our God has prom - ised: end - less life with Christ our Lord.



we must go in hope and pat - ience, walk by faith and not by sight.
through a lone - ly, bar - ren des - ert to a great and glo - rious land.
with com - pas - sion for our weak - ness ev - 'ry step a - long the way.
who for joy of love un - meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.
Now we fix our eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.

Refrain



Let us throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win!



Let us hast - en to our home - land and, re - joic - ing, en - ter in.

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The Gospel Reading – John 14:1-14

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

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

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord 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

You are our strength Lord God, and we gladly lean on you in times of trouble. Take these burdens now and offer us your grace and remind us of your promise that you are always with us. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing of baby Hugo Bovet

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over your 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 passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn “When Stephen full of power and grace” Hymnal 243



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OFFERTORY INSTRUCTIONS

The offertory plates are passed throughout the congregation by the ushers. Please accept the plate and pass it all the way down your row. When it comes to you, we invite you to use those few seconds to thank God for the blessings in your life and reflect on how you are giving back. Giving is never an obligation; it's always an invitation! We know that everyone gives as the Spirit leads, and that gifts of time and talent don't fit in the offering plate! We also know that many people give online or by the QR code above. (If so, feel free to place the "I Gave Online" card in the plate as it passes you.) So whether you have something to put in the plate today or not, this moment is just between you and God. If you simply pray "Thank you, God" each time you touch the offering plate, that is a powerful spiritual practice.

The Doxology (sung)


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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A


from the BCP

Celebrant *All*




The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Celebrant *All*




Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and 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 everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus - Hymnal S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer (*spoken*)

The Celebrant continues:

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, I invite you to join me and pray in the language of your heart,

Contemporary

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

Traditional

**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 sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Fraction Anthem S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.

To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar; the ushers will guide you. 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, which are behind the privacy kneelers, or to receive from the common cup. To do so, simply guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, communion in one kind is just as valid; simply cross your arms over your chest when the wine is offered to you, and the minister will say the words over you and move on.

To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest when each element is offered to you.

We have gluten-free wafers available; you can request one from the priest at your turn.

Hand sanitizer can be found next to the hymnal and prayer books on the chair in front of you.

Communion Music – Chris Eisenberg

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Come away to the skies” Hymnal 213

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude



Please join us for coffee hour after the service. The Rogers Family is our host today.

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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