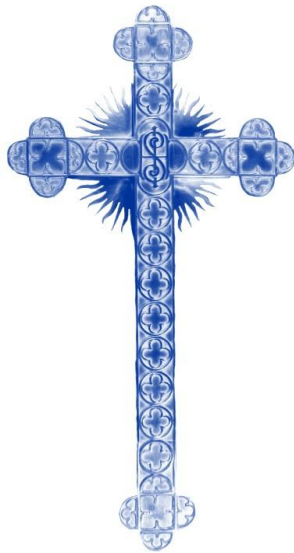


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

April 6, 2025 ♦ 10:30 am



## The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 686**

Come, thou fount of every blessing

*Nettleton*

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Lord, have mercy (*Kyrie*)

Richard Proulx

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 43:16-21

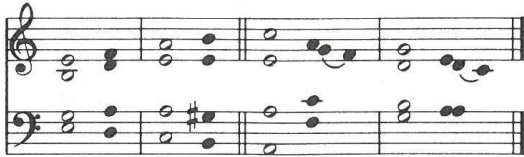
Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

## The Psalm

## Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

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James Frazier  
(b. 1947)



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- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of **Zion**, \*  
then were we like those who **dream**.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with **laughter**, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of **joy**.
- 3 Then they said among the **nations**, \*  
"The Lord has done great things **for them**."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for **us**, \*  
and we are glad **indeed**.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O **Lord**, \*  
like the watercourses of the **Negev**.
- 6 Those who sowed with **tears** \*  
will reap with songs of **joy**.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the **seed**, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their **sheaves**.

## The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his

resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Hymn # 679** (v.1)

Surely it is God who saves me

*Thomas Merton*

**The Gospel**

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**Hymn # 679** (v.2)

Surely it is God who saves me

*Thomas Merton*

The Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (Congregation response: *Lord, have mercy.*)

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Confession & Absolution

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**The Holy Communion**

The Offertory

Choir Anthem

Drop, drop, slow tears

Orlando Gibbons

arr. David Blackwell

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth  
 are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high est.

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The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Whoever eats this bread

Mason Martens

The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Kneel or stand as able.*

*Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

*As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.*

*To receive the wine:*

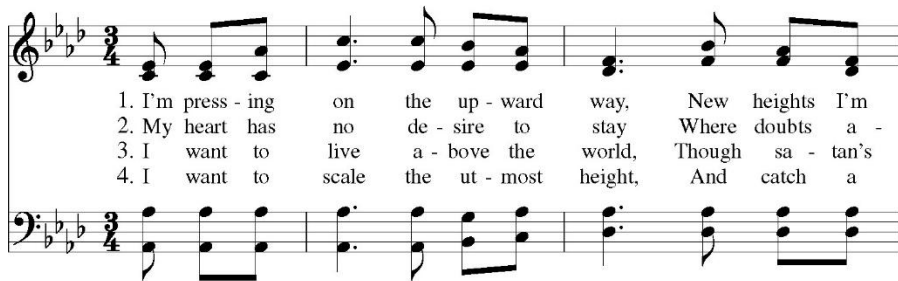
- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

*Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

# Communion Hymn (All Singing)

## Hymn

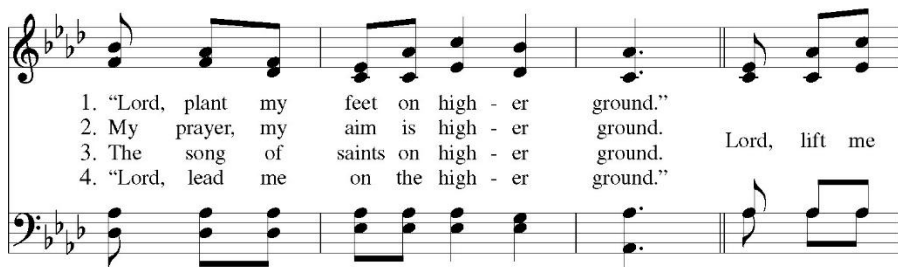
I'm pressing on the upward way



1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm  
2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -  
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's  
4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a



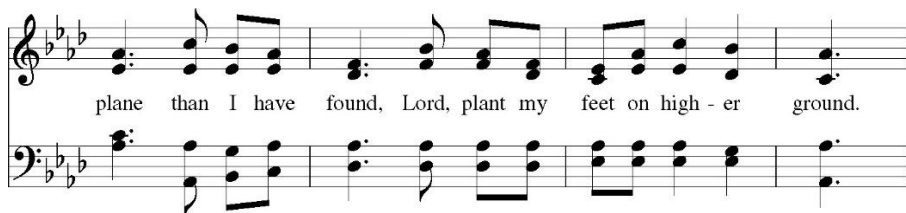
1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,  
2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,  
3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,  
4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,



1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."  
2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me  
3. The song of saints on high - er ground.  
4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."



up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er



plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

Prayer over the People

*Celebrant:* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Celebrant says:*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

*The People: Amen.*

**Hymn # 344**

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

\* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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## SERVING TODAY

***Celebrant & Preacher*** – The Rev. Webster Gibson

***Lay Readers*** – Arthur Sperry, Leslie Harper

***Prayers of the People*** – Kay Keely

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers*** – Stacy Talbott, Leslie Harper

***Ushers*** – Mari Kofalt, Pat Kofalt, Linda Miles, Ron Bellows

***Acolytes*** – Lelia Wingenbach, Jackson Stock

***Altar Guild*** – Polly Nesselrodt, Pam McKinley

***Livestreaming Team*** – Phil Sargent, Jody Wall

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