



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Hymn**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

*Hymnal 470*

*All stand, as able.*

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

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There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

# Song of Praise

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Verses

ia! \*1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. \_  
 2. Christ is the first fruits from death, \_  
 \*\*3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. \_ The  
 4. The right hand of God raised me up. \_ The  
 5. The stone which the build - ers re - ject-ed be -

1. Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con- quered death, \_  
 2. fill- ing the church with his glo - ry! Dark- ness van - ish - es  
 3. love of the Lord knows no end- ing. All in Is - ra - el  
 4. hand of the Lord \_\_\_ has tri- umphed. I shall nev - er die,  
 5. comes \_ the cor - ner- stone cho - sen. Praise the work of God

1. o - pened heav - en to all \_\_\_ be - liev - ers. \_\_\_  
 2. in the light \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ his pow - er. \_\_\_  
 3. say: "God's love \_\_\_ has \_\_\_ no end." \_\_\_  
 4. I shall live \_\_\_ tell - ing God's deeds. \_\_\_  
 5. for this mar - vel \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ our eyes! \_\_\_

to Refrain

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Presider The Lord be with you.  
 People **And also with you.**  
 Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

## The First Reading

*After the reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

*The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup> In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

## The Second Reading

*After the reading:*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
 2 (*Insert the stanza appropriate to the day*)  
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.  
 and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown  
 till all the ran-somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.  
 a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

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### Verse 2: Saint Philip and Saint James, May 1

We praise you, Lord, for Philip,  
 blest guide to Greek and Jew,

and for young James the faithful,  
 who heard and followed you,

O grant us grace to know you,  
 the victor in the strife,

that we with all your servants  
 may wear the crown of life.

## The Holy Gospel

*The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.*

Clergy            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel is proclaimed:*

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

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand, as 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,  
Begot / ten, 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:  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Vir/gin Mary,  
And became / truly human.*

*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 gi/ver of life,  
Who proceeds / from the Father.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.  
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,  
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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## The Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor*    Risen God;

*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## The Peace

*Presider*        The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

# Offertory Hymn & Procession

All to Jesus I surrender

Advocate Songbook 20

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

Give to the Advocate online: <https://tinyurl.com/GiveToAdvocate>

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,  
I will ev - er love and trust Him,  
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der  
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en,  
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der  
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it  
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der  
Fill me with thy love and pow - er,

1. all to Him I free - ly give;  
In His pres - ence dai - ly live.  
2. Hum - bly at His feet I bow;  
Take me, Je - sus, take me now.  
3. Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;  
Tru - ly know that thou art mine.  
4. Lord, I give my - self to thee;  
Let thy bless - ings fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all,  
I sur - ren - der all,

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I sur-ren - der all, All to thee, my

I sur-ren - der all, bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Words: Judson W. Van de Vanter (1855-1939). Music: Winfield S. Weedon (1847-1908).



The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.*

*Presider* Behold what you are.

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

*The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.*

*Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:*

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

*Solo:*

Come, bring your bur-dens, oh,

Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your  
 Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa-kho, wo - za nom -

come, bring your bur - dens, oh, come, bring your bur-dens,

bur - dens to God, come, bring your bur - dens to God for  
 thwa - lo wa-kho, wo - za nom-thwa - lo wa-kho U -

*To repeat* *Last time*

Je-sus will nev-er say no.

Je-sus will nev-er say no. Come, bring your no.  
 ye-s's-ka-so-za-thi hayi. Wo - za nom - hayi.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'*

## Going-Forth Hymn

*Praise the Lord through every nation*

*Hymnal 484*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Praise the Lord through every nation; his ho - ly  
2 Je - sus, Lord, our Cap - tain glo - rious, o'er sin, and  
arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his  
death, and hell vic - to - rious, wis - dom and might to  
Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le -  
thee be - long: we con - fess, pro - claim, a - dore

gions, thee; who we now bow pre - pares the knee, in we heaven - ly re - fall be - fore

gions thee; un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with thy love hence - forth shall be our song. The

voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jes - cross mean - while we bear, the crown ere - long to

ty: Al - le - lu - ia! His praise shall sound all wear: Al - le - lu - ia! Thy reign ex - tend world

na - ture round, and hymns on ev - ery tongue a - bound. with - out end; let praise from all to thee a - scend.

Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## Dismissal

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!'

The Ministers and People sing the Easter Troparion (next page) and dance out of the chapel and into a new, resurrected world.

## Easter Troparion

Three times

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death,

and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

Music: Serbian melody. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

All Alleluia!



## Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.



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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



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