



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**May 7, 2023**

**10:00 am**

**Facebook Live/Virtual**  
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**HTLCBellerose**

**We are blessed that you  
have joined us today.**

### Notes on worship:

**BOLD type = people of God =You**

Regular type = leader

*Italic type = directions or explanations*

### Introduction to the Day



As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house.

Our baptism commissions us to share

Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

### WELCOME

*We are delighted that you are here with us in person and online! If you have a church home at present but are prevented from joining with them because of the Coronavirus, we say Welcome to you for the present.*

**If you do not have a church home, please consider HolyTrinity to be yours!** *If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any*

*care for you at presence please reach out in person or at [pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org](mailto:pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org) or the church office at [office@holytrinitybellerose.org](mailto:office@holytrinitybellerose.org).*

**~Please stand as you are able~**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from  
death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of  
the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed  
away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the  
presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and  
creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of  
baptism,

the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us  
from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice  
for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living  
water. Where drought dries the earth, bring  
refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** SBS 242 vs 1,4  
Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.**

**Praise and honor to the Father,  
praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!**

**GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** ELW Setting Ten vs 1  
Glory Be to God in Heaven

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill  
to all the earth.**

**Mighty God of all creation, Father of  
surpassing worth:**

**we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our  
thanks and praise.**

**Saints and angels bow before you; here on  
earth our songs we raise.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the  
way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to  
love one another, to follow in the way of his  
commandments, and to share his risen life with  
all the world, for he lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*~Please be seated~*

**FIRST READING** Acts 7:55-60 NRSV

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the  
apostles to serve tables so that the apostles  
could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6).  
Stephen does more than distribute food,  
however. For his preaching of God's word, he  
becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

The first reading is from Acts beginning at the  
7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into  
heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus  
standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he  
said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son  
of Man standing at the right hand of  
God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a  
loud shout all rushed together against  
him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he  
prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** 31:1-5, 15-16 NRSV

We will now read responsively from Psalm 31.

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, 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 LORD, 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>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."

## **SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-12 NRSV**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

The second reading is from first Peter beginning at the first chapter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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,"  
<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**~Please stand as you are able~**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:1-14 NRSV**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>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'? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**~Please be seated~**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## SERMON

*~Please stand as you are able~*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 758 vs 1,4  
You Are The Way

- 1 You are the way; to you alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find  
and by your grace set free.**
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.**

## NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Nicene Creed

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin 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 giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

*~Please remain standing as you desire,  
otherwise please be seated~*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick *especially Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Brian Sherwood, Heather Chittum, Heidi Neumark, Lynn Zernickow, Klohe Goetz, Francesca Giordano, Mary Ann Gallagher, Michael Cienki, Jackie Budds, Peggy McLaughlin, Alan Jennings, Jordan Ramos, Ed Unz, Kathy McManus, Florence Buckley, the family of Valerie Jones-Washington.*

Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going

through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, You instruct us to care for ourselves and one another. Be with all who are struggling with extended periods of illnesses. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Justice-Seeking God, You call us your Beloved Community. End racism and oppression in our world. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Let us share Christ's peace with one another.*

*~Please be seated~*

### **OFFERING**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*~Please stand as you are able~*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** ELW 531 vs 1&3

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

**The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing**

**The Feast Is Ready To Begin**

**The Gates Of Heaven Are Open Wide**

**And Jesus Welcomes You Inside**

*Refrain*

**Sing With Thankfulness**

**Songs Of Pure Delight**

**Come And Revel In Heaven's Love And Light**

**Take Your Place At The Table Of The King**

**The Feast Is Ready To Begin**

**The Feast Is Ready To Begin**

**The hungry heart He satisfies**

**Offers the poor His paradise**

**Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud**

**The amazing goodness of the Lord.**

*Refrain*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*~Please be seated~*

### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table. When you come to the front please wear your mask while receiving the elements. We ask that you wait*

*until you are back at your seat to partake. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

*~Please stand as you are able~*

### **TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

*~Please be seated.~*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*~Please stand as you are able.~*

### **BLESSING**

The God of all,

who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** ELW 654 vs 1,3,5  
The Church's One Foundation

**1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

### **DISMISSAL**

What is our Mission? **Welcoming all to grow  
in faith; living Christ's message of serving  
and loving neighbors near and far.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Thank you for worshipping  
with us today. We are blessed by  
your presence.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS**

**IN PERSON SERVICES** every Sunday Live  
and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't  
have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video  
will also be available on our interactive bulletin  
at: [holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com](http://holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com).

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Our Bible Study on the Gospel of John  
continues on Mondays at 10am and 7pm.  
New Bible Study, Women In The Bible, will  
begin on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and 7 pm. See  
signup sheet in the narthex

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting, Tuesday, May 9 @ 7:30 pm.

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Next meeting TBA

### **YOUTH GROUP**

The youth meet twice a month on the first and  
third Saturday's from beginning at 6:30 pm.

Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Looking for volunteers to help Denice & Pastor  
Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

### **VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user  
friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

June 7 at 1:30 pm. See flyer in narthex.

### **YOGA PRACTICE**

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship  
Hall. One hour for only \$10.

Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for  
additional information.

### **BIRTHDAY CAKE SIGNUP SHEET FOR 2023**

Please see signup sheet in the narthex. Only  
December remains to be claimed.

### **MAY CELEBRATIONS**

5	Heather Clark
6	Cole Poje
11	Walton Williams
11	Sophie Robinson
11	Patty Innella
12	Waverly Leung
13	Sara Bodnar
13	Tim Downey
13	Loren Nouza
16	Elizabeth Michele Dixon
23	Julia Klarman
23	Sarah Klarman
23	Webster Leung
25	Alissa Milillo
25	Sarah Clark
25	Peter Stiefel
29	Miguel Mejia

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