

Readings and Music for

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2026

Flowers from Sue Burke in memory of Adlynn Wierenga

Processional

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

H518

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

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.

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

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

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

You have re - deemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

- 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. [ANT.]
- 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. [ANT.]
- A 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- B 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- B 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.” [ANT.]

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the First Letter of Peter:

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.

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Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1900 | Music: ABBEVILLE, by E.J. King, 1844

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come
2. O, melt this frozen heart;
3. The profane will be mine,
5 With eternal glory will be mine,
This stubborn shall be due;
but Thine shall be the praise;
9 And on this poor, beset night;
Each evil passion will overcome;
And unto Thee will I devote myself,
and thou shalt shine.
13 soul come, with beams of mercy shine.
come, and form me all a new.
vote the remnant of my days.

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arr. by Liz Janes for 'Help Me to Sing - Songs of the Sacred Harp (Disc 2)

Gospel

John 14:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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."

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

Offertory Anthem	“All Good Gifts”	by David Schwoebel
Communion	“Be Thou My Vision”	<i>H488</i>
Recessional	“Thou Art the Way!”	<i>H457</i>

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

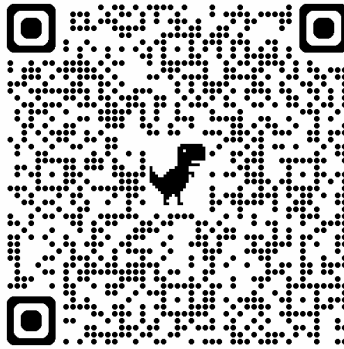
This week at Transfiguration:

<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour hosted by</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
	<i>The Peace & Justice Guild</i>		
<i>5/4</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study** – Join us for Zoom Bible study tomorrow evening at 7PM. After a brief hiatus, we are back with our Zoom Bible study, which happens on the first and third Monday of the month. Tomorrow, we start a new study, as we begin going through the Epistle of James.
- **Small Group Dinners** – Small Group Dinners are back! Sign up to enjoy a meal with 6–8 fellow parishioners at a local restaurant. Three dinners are scheduled for **May 16, June 27, and July 25**, and one lunch gathering will be held on **May 31st**. Groups and restaurants will be assigned one week prior to each date. Please contact Traci Dawodu with any questions.
- **Beds Plus** – Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zach Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the ShelteR.

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Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM

Priest's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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