



Evening Prayer
The Fifth Sunday after Easter
May 10, 2026

*Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*
— Psalm 16:1, 2, 11

A warm welcome to Princeton Anglican Church! All you need is in this Order of Service. Your portions are in bold print. Anglican worship invites you to participate rather than spectate, please take part as far as is appropriate for you given your Christian growth and understanding. You are part of an act of worship that is ancient in origin and contemporary in relevance as we all need God's grace. Worship is a vital part of our lives as individuals and as we share fellowship together. Please stay for refreshments following the service.

Children are always welcome. We begin by worshipping together and, for those families who would wish to make use of it, the adjacent Sanford Davis Room is available. Supervision is available for those with young children during the sermon. We use a "rule of three", meaning no one is alone with a child (not in their family). Our practice is that children under age eleven be escorted to the bathrooms down the hallway off of the Sanford Davis Room.

Should you have a pastoral need, or would like to discuss the Christian faith, or wish to receive updates on the life of the church, please call/text 609-309-1050 or write to clifford@princetonanglican.org. We hope you are encouraged by the service today, and strengthened to serve Jesus Christ in greater measure.

REFLECTION

“Faith achieves what the law commands. And, without the gift of God—that is, without the Holy Spirit, through whom love is shed abroad in our hearts—the law may bid but it cannot aid... For appetite reigns where the love of God does not.”

— Augustine of Hippo (354-430), *Enchiridion on Faith, Hope, and Love* (421)

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), *Cost of Discipleship* (1937).

“For when it came about that the poor were neglected and overlooked...then I think the impious Galilaeans observed this fact and devoted themselves to philanthropy. And they have gained ascendancy in the worst of their deeds through the credit they win for such practices.” —

Roman Emperor Julian the Apostate (331-363) complaining to a pagan priest about the good reputation that Christians (whom he calls “impious Galilaeans”) have gained through their caring practices.

HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive
To Him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es throng to
Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on His love with
Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; the pris - 'ner leaps to
Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors



jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from shore to
crown His head; His Name, like sweet per - fume, shall
sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
to our King; An - gels de - scend with songs a -



shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
claim their ear - ly bless - ings on His Name.
rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise. (*Psalm 51.17*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of heavenly grace, and pray together, saying:

A general Confession to be said by the Congregation with the Minister.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Minister shall say,

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

We remain standing.

Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed.

Then a Lesson, as is appointed. And after that Magnificat in English, as follows.

APPOINTED PSALM

Psalm 145



God, my king, thy might con-fess-ing, ev - er will I bless thy name;
Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his maj - es - ty can reach?
They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and great-ness dwell,
Nor shall fail from mem-'ry's trea - sure works by love and mer - cy wrought:



day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing, still will I thy praise pro - claim.
Age to age his works trans - mit - teth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.
speak of thy great acts the sto - ry, and thy deeds of won - der tell.
works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure, works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion,
slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation;
all his works his goodness prove.

All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee,
thee shall all thy saints adore.
King supreme shall they confess thee,
and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

Words: Psalm 145, Richard Mant (1824), alt.; Music: STUTT GART, Psalmodia Sacra 1715, adapted by Henry J. Gauntlett (1861)

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 3

¹ In the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned twelve years.

² He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, though not like his father and mother, for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made.

³ Nevertheless, he clung to the sin of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin; he did not depart from it.

⁴ Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder, and he had to deliver to the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams. ⁵ But when Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. ⁶ So King Jehoram marched out of Samaria at that time and mustered all Israel. ⁷ And he went and sent word to Jehoshaphat king of Judah: “The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to battle against Moab?” And he said, “I will go. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”

⁸ Then he said, “By which way shall we march?” Jehoram answered, “By the way of the wilderness of Edom.”

⁹ So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. And when they had made a circuitous march of seven days, there was no water for the army or for the animals that followed them. ¹⁰ Then the king of Israel said, “Alas! The LORD has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab.” ¹¹ And Jehoshaphat said, “Is there no prophet of the LORD here, through whom we may inquire of the LORD?” Then one of the king of Israel’s servants answered, “Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.” ¹² And Jehoshaphat said, “The word of the LORD is with him.” So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

¹³ And Elisha said to the king of Israel, “What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother.” But the king of Israel said to him, “No; it is the LORD who has called these three kings to

give them into the hand of Moab.”¹⁴ And Elisha said, “As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, were it not that I have regard for Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would neither look at you nor see you.”¹⁵ But now bring me a musician.” And when the musician played, the hand of the LORD came upon him.¹⁶ And he said, “Thus says the LORD, ‘I will make this dry streambed full of pools.’”¹⁷ For thus says the LORD, ‘You shall not see wind or rain, but that streambed shall be filled with water, so that you shall drink, you, your livestock, and your animals.’”¹⁸ This is a light thing in the sight of the LORD. He will also give the Moabites into your hand,¹⁹ and you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree and stop up all springs of water and ruin every good piece of land with stones.”²⁰ The next morning, about the time of offering the sacrifice, behold, water came from the direction of Edom, till the country was filled with water.

²¹ When all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to put on armor, from the youngest to the oldest, were called out and were drawn up at the border.²² And when they rose early in the morning and the sun shone on the water, the Moabites saw the water opposite them as red as blood.²³ And they said, “This is blood; the kings have surely fought together and struck one another down. Now then, Moab, to the spoil!”²⁴ But when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose and struck the Moabites, till they fled before them. And they went forward, striking the Moabites as they went.²⁵ And they overthrew the cities, and on every good piece of land every man threw a stone until it was covered. They stopped every spring of water and felled all the good trees, till only its stones were left in Kir-hareseth, and the slingers surrounded and attacked it.²⁶ When the king of Moab saw that the battle was going against him, he took with him 700 swordsmen to break through, opposite the king of Edom, but they could not.²⁷ Then he took his oldest son who was to reign in his place and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall. And there came great wrath against Israel. And they withdrew from him and returned to their own land.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1

My soul magnifies the Lord, *
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
For he has regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on, *
all generations will call me blessed;
For he that is mighty has magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him, *
throughout all generations.
He has shown the strength of his arm; *
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has exalted the humble and meek.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:8-18

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2.29

**Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of your people Israel.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and people together.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, thro' grace, a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move;
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near;
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name;



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fad - ing is the world ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Words: John Newton; Music: AUSTRIAN HYMN, Joseph Haydn

After that these Prayers, the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

We kneel or sit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Officiant standing up shall say,

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Endue your ministers with righteousness;

And make your chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Because there is none other that fights for us, but only you, O God.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects:

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER, FOR PEACE

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHYRSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN

Yet Not I



What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
 The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
 With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and
 side the Sav - iour, he will stay. I lab - our on in weak-ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I
 joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis played. To this I
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver-throw the grave. To this I
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is whol-ly bound to
 hold: my Shep-herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will
 hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
 hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er-more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
 lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
 plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
 him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

SERMON

Where True Joys Are to Be Found

The Revd. Clifford Swartz

HYMN

Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son



Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave clothes, where thy bo - dy
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth, death hath lost its
thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan to thy home a -



lay. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son;
sing.
bove.



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Words: Edmond Budry, Trans. Richard Birch Hoyle; Music: JUDAS MACCABEUS, G.F. Handel

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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