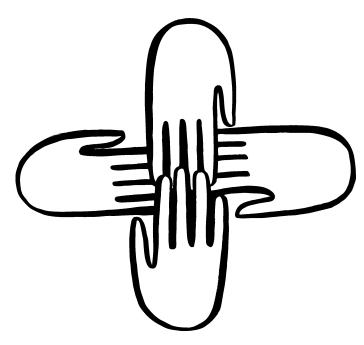
St. Michael's Episcopal Church on the Naugatuck Green

The Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 am. May 15, 2022



Easter is the most important celebration in the church's year. This day is the observance of Jesus rising from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion, which is estimated to have taken place between the years AD 26 and AD 36. Easter also refers to the season of the church year called Eastertide or the Easter Season.

For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.



Worship Bulletin Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

(Please join in the celebration by responding with the words in **BOLD/ITALICS**)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN O praise ye the Lord (Laudate Dominum) (H 432)

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed. 3 O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along! For love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

SONG OF PRAISE S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (BCP p. 356)

The following is sung, all standing

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (A prayer expressing our collective concern)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3saving, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM 148 (Said responsively by full verse)

Remain seated.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *praise him in the heights.

²Praise him, all you angels of his; *praise him, all his host.

³Praise him, sun and moon; *praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, *and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, *you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, *tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹Mountains and all hills, *fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, *creeping things and wingèd birds;

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, *princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²Young men and maidens, *old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *for his Name only is exalted,his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

GRADUAL HYMN In Christ there is no East or West (McKee) (H 529)

All stand.

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED

All stand.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Celebrant:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

Intercessor:

Let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, "Loving God, *make all things new*."

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons. (Silence) Loving God,

Make all things new.

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven. (*Silence*) Loving God,

Make all things new.

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation. (Silence) Loving God,

Make all things new.

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse, and hatred. (Silence) Loving God,

Make all things new.

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. As we especially lift up in prayer all those on our Parish Prayer Chain, our Community Prayer List and all those we now name here, in our worship today _______. (Silence) Loving God,

Make all things new.

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We especially pray for those who we no longer see, and all those we now name ______. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life. (*Silence*) Loving God,

Make all things new.

Celebrant:

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. *Amen*.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N*. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

For an Anniversary

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Go Light Your Word"

C. Rice

AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. ASK THE PRIEST AT COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN FREE HOST

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

1 O holy city, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign, within whose foursquare walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain, and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep again!

2 O shame to us who rest content while lust and greed for gain in street and shop and tenement wring gold from human pain, and bitter lips in blind despair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"

3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the city that hath stood too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is servanthood, and where the sun that shineth is God's grace for human good.

4 Already in the mind of God that city riseth fair: lo, how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there.

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Spiritual Communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the bread wine.

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

When others treat you poorly, be a blessing to them instead.

God's purpose for you involves being a blessing to others.

Our example of blessing is found in the character of God and how He blesses us.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

CLOSING HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest)

(H 304)

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

 That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
 His presence, always near,
 is in such friendship better known:
 we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thank You for The Privilege of Your Time

The Worship is over – Now the Service Begins.

POSTLUDE

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

(May 15, 2022): This week we especially pray for all those who are sick or homebound; or need our prayers for support, strength, or Thanksgivings. We especially remember Adelino, Alivia and Mya, Baby Archer, Baby Felix and Kathryn and Felix, Christina and Matt, Chuck, Daniel and Emily, Danielle and Ray, David, Debbie, Dee, Deeanna, Donna, Doreen, Duke, Edgar, Emily, Evelyn, *Frank*, Frank, Gabriela, Genie, Gloria, Hal, Jace, Jackie, James, Jane, Jess, *Jim, Joan*, Joemill and Zandra, Karen, Ken, Kole, Leighton, Liz, Marcia, Marion, Marjorie, Mary, McKenzie, Madeleine and Steph, Michael, Mimi, *Monica*, Pamela, Patrick, "Pete", Pete and Deb, Roseann, Sandy, *Shane*, Sharon, Shirley, Wanda, Wayne, William, and Vedran. Also remember all the families who care for their loved ones.

SAINT MICHAELS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN

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Church News and Happenings

Coffee Hour

Join us after service for coffee and fellowship

Usher Update

Thank you to Cheryl Koenemund, who has volunteered to be our new Usher Coordinator. We are still looking for Ushers for both the 8:00 and 10:00 services to bring back our welcoming traditions to the sanctuary. Please contact the office or Jules and indicate your interest in being part of the welcoming ministry of the church.

LEV (Lay Eucharistic Visitors)

We are looking for additional visitors to administer communion to shut-ins and homebound members. Contact Jules or email Sandy to be included. stmichaelsnaugatuck@gmail.com

NEON (Naugatuck Ecumenical Outreach Network)

Free community meal Saturday, May 21st 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Take out only Kielbasa, pierogies, sauerkraut and dessert Come to volunteer or receive a meal!

Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who donated for the flowers, and many thanks to those of you who took home bulbs to care for the Easter plants throughout the year.

Gardeners/Farmers Wanted

Birger Gabrielson is looking for volunteers to help in developing, nurturing, and cultivating fresh vegetables for the Naugatuck Foodbank.

Contact Birger at 203-729-3349 for details

Memorial Day - Return of the pancakes!

St. Michael's pancake tent returns to support our veterans and community on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th

Naugatuck Ecumenical Food Bank

Let's help our neighbors during the holiday season

Most needed items

Apple Juice

Canned Chili

Canned Carrots