



St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 + 8:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church

Silence

THE WORD OF GOD

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:

Acts 7:55-60

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.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

BCP 622

The Second Lesson:

1 Peter 2:2-10

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.

Holy Gospel:

John 14:1-14

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.”

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The Homily	Rev. Mark Lafler
The Nicene Creed	BCP 327
Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession of Sin	BCP 331
The Peace	BCP 332
Welcome and Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
The Doxology	Hymn 380, vs. 3
Eucharistic Prayer 1	BCP 333
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Communion	

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Healing Prayers	
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	
The Procession into the World	Canticle 2 BCP 49
The Dismissal	

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 + 10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession into the Church

Hymn 8

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymn S-280

The Collect of the Day

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The Sequence

Hymn 518

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The Homily**Rev. Mark Lafler****The Nicene Creed****BCP 358****The Prayers of the People (Form III)****BCP 387****Confession of Sin****BCP 360****The Peace****BCP 360****Welcome and Announcements****THE HOLY COMMUNION****The Offertory****The Doxology****Hymn 380, vs. 3****Eucharistic Prayer A****BCP 361****The Sanctus****Hymn S-125****The Lord's Prayer****BCP 364****Fraction Anthem****Hymn S-161****The Communion**

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Communion**Organ Music****Healing Prayers****The Post Communion Prayer****BCP 365****The Blessing****The Procession****Hymn 460****Dismissal****BCP 366**

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WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

What is the Lord's Prayer?

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase "Lord's Prayer" is not used in the NT. The prayer is found in Mt 6:9-13 as part of the Sermon on the Mount and in Lk 11:2-4. Luke's version is shorter and more compact than Matthew's. The traditional closing, the doxology, is probably a later addition. It is not found in Luke nor in all the manuscripts of Matthew's gospel. The BCP includes both contemporary and traditional language versions of the Lord's Prayer (see BCP, p. 364). It is also known as the "Our Father" and the "Pater Noster."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNER & MORE, our monthly potluck, will be this Wednesday, May 6th beginning at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share. The "More" part will be Trivia Night.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Ascension Day Eucharist on Thursday, May 14th. We will be hosting the Ascension Day Eucharist this year. St. James in Leesburg, St. Thomas in Eustis, and Holy Spirit in Apopka will be joining us. Rev. Kim Spear will be our guest celebrant and the Ven. Julie Altenbach, Archdeacon will be our guest preacher. Come and worship our Lord!

A NEW MEMBERS CLASS will take place on Saturday, May 23rd at 9:00 am. In this class, Fr. Mark will be sharing the history of our parish, as well as showing a video on the history of our diocese. We will also look at the state of The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. A church tour will also be offered. As well as a chance for a picture to be taken for our Digital Directory. Please sign up in the Narthex.

PENTECOST will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24th. Be sure to wear red to the services! Our "PPPPPP" picnic will follow the 10:00 am service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Name Tag Sunday
EYC -12 noon
AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday Reading with the Rector -11:30 am
Wednesday Preschool Chapel – 11:25 am
Wednesday Eucharist-12:15 pm
Dinner & More-6:00 pm
Friday Preschool Mother's Day Tea

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Graham Tindall 5/05 Richard Simpson 5/07
Timothy Reeves 5/08

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Mary Dobson 5/03 Mae Mullins 5/03
Helen Meyer 5/03 Louis Kallmyer 5/05
Ann Chambers 5/05 Virginia Fischer 5/05
Betty Herndon 5/06 Esther Heimann 5/07
Eleanor Ives 5/09 Ruth Potsko 5/09

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S. Lorraine M. Barbara G. Tim M. Luanne W. Ellen D. MJ
Smith Carole M.
Billy F. Beth Barbara C. Joe W.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon Mary Hyland Laura Cain
Trevor Orr Steve Husted Emma Hogan
Andrew Seley Hunter Penley

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Grace Episcopal Church, Ocala
Corpus Christi Episcopal Church, Okahumpka
For our parish members Mary Jo Flanagan & Sue Furlong

SERVING TODAY

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Chloe Hatcher	Rozann Abato
Second Reading	Randall Sluder	Gary Swedberg
LEM 1	Randall Sluder	Gloria Vest
LEM 2	Chloe Hatcher	Marilyn Minchey
Ushers	Patti Conrader Pam Bow	Betty Hensinger Bill Pixley
Deacon	Deacon Mickey	Deacon Dan
Altar Guild	Patti Conrader	Joe Welch
Flowers	Phyllis Kennedy	
Screens	Jerry Marsh	Harry Hackney
Video	Madeline Lafler	
Postulant	Dennis Hartenstein	
Music		Chip Chernault & Choir

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

VESTRY

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Margaret Dohnalek
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden	James Cartlidge	Michael Viel
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer
Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

PARISH STAFF

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Preschool Director: Heather Fortson
Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell
Steward: Walter Burkhalter