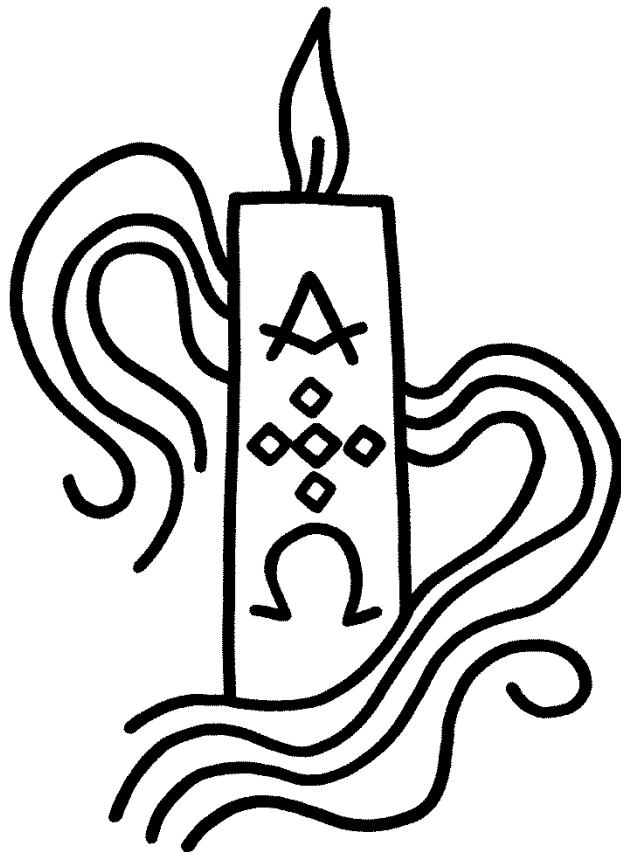


The Episcopal
Church of the Holy Spirit
Lebanon, New Jersey
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4-2025
8:00 am



Prelude *

Gathering Hymn * Hymnal 182 – *Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing.*

Liturgy of the Word * Book of Common Prayer 323

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.;*

Gloria

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you..*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Today

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All sit for the readings.

First Reading * Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

People: *Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my

name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

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

People: *Let it be unto us according to your Word.*

Psalm * 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Epistle * The Book of Revelation 5:11-14

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

People: *Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.*

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

People: *Let it be unto us according to your Word.*

All stand as they are able.

Gospel * John 21:1-19

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out

your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon * The Rev. Matthew Engleby

Nicene Creed * Book of Common Prayer 326

Prayers of the People * Book of Common Prayer 328

Confession * Book of Common Prayer 330

The Peace

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

Offertory

Doxology * Hymnal 43 v.4 * Praise God

The flowers on the Altar are offered to the glory of God.

The Great Thanksgiving * Book of Common Prayer 340 * Prayer II

Sanctus *

The Lord's Prayer * Book of Common Prayer 336

Communion

*This is the Lord's table, not the Episcopal Church's.
All are welcome to receive bread in your hand, common cup optional.*

Prayer of Thanks and Mission * Book of Common Prayer 339

Announcements

Missional Hymn * Hymnal 205 * *Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing!*

Postlude *

*You are invited to stay for the Postlude or quietly move to the Narthex
for coffee and conversation*

Baptism at 10am:

Candidates: Julie Feggler, Fern Seria, Rudy Seria

Today's Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Matthew Engleby
Deacons	The Rev. Dot Hospador, The Rev. Michelleslie Maltese
Music	Brian Savage
Altar Guild	Barbara Livingston
Tech Team	Jan Paxton, John Rollins
Coffee Hour	Chris Hanneken
Counters	Larry Robinson, Rich Southwick
Greeters	Kevin Hallstrom
Readers	Wendy Hallstrom
Announcements	Diane Hrozencik

CHS Mission Statement

**The Mission of Church of the Holy Spirit is to become like Christ
as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in the Spirit**

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors – We are so glad you have come to worship with us, whether you are seeking a new parish home or are here to visit with family or friends. Please introduce yourselves to our clergy, greeters or any of the Lay Ministers.

Mother's Day Breakfast May 11. Youth Group and Children's Formation are hosting a breakfast between the services at 9:00. Suggested donation of \$5 per person will benefit youth activities. To volunteer or donate food items



please use the Signup Genius link!

Children's Formation – Adult volunteers needed to help at 10:00 on May 4 & 18, June 1. Email Lindsay at wyglos@gmail.com. We are assembling birthday bags for the Open Cupboard.

Children's Formation Pentecost Party – June 8th is our final gathering for the school year. We will have games and smoothies. Adult volunteers and ideas needed. Email Lindsay at wyglos@gmail.com.

Auction Organizing Meeting – Sunday May 4th 9am whether you are a creative or administrative type. Please join us for the Service Auction Organizing Kickoff Meeting on May 4th. We are looking to assemble a new team of co-organizers to plan the theme, acquisitions and refreshments for the CHS Service auction which will be held on Saturday September 20th. Past co-organizers will mentor you and share their wisdom. Find out more on May 4th between services

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What's
happening at
CHS



*Memorial Service for Susan Marcella will be held on
Sunday May 25th at 1pm.*

CHS Picnic and "Blessing of the Bikes and Feet" - Sunday June 22nd beginning at noon at Pickell Park in Readington Twp.

Somerset Patriots Ballgame - Saturday July 12th.

Game begins at 7 pm. This will be a fun and exciting evening as it will be a "Jersey Diners" game and will feature the historic and cultural significance of the diner. You can expect to be transported with classic music, blue plate specials at the concession stands, and diner-themed promotions. Both the Spinning Wheel Diner and The Towne Restaurant in Clinton are sponsors of this event! To top it off you will be treated to an awesome fireworks display!

Calendar

Sunday May 11th	9am	Mother's Day Breakfast
Saturday June 22nd	Noon	Picnic – Blessing of Bikes & Feet
Saturday July 12 th	7pm	Patriots Ballgame Night
Saturday Sept. 20th	TBD	43 rd Annual Service Auction
First Sunday		Got Change
First Sunday		Birthdays/Anniversaries
Every Monday	1pm	Knit and Chat
Every Tuesday	7am	Bible Study Spinning Wheel Diner
1 st Monday	7pm	Caregivers Support Group/Zoom
2 nd and 4 th Mondays	6:30pm	Sangha Meditation
2 nd Thursday	6pm	Choir rehearsal and dinner
3 rd Thursday	7pm	Vestry meeting
Every Saturday	9am	AA
Every Wednesday	7pm	AA

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