

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2-3, 2026

Welcome to the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, Maryland.
Thank you for worshiping with us!

Entrance Antiphon

"O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia" (Cf 98:1-2)

Gathering Song

Morning Has Broken #855

Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day

Songwriters: Eleanor Farjeon / Richard Vincent Hill / Traditional

Glory to God

Refrain

The musical notation is for a refrain in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will.' The melody is simple and melodic, with a final cadence at the end.

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Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading II

1 Pt 2:4-9

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, 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 says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, 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, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with

the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(bow for the next two lines)
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

OR

APOSTLES' CREED*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but **the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. The words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter focus strongly on baptism.*

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Bless the Lord **#270 SS**

***Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul! Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship your holy name***

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes

***Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul! Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship your holy name.***

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing 10,000 reasons for my heart to find

***Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul! Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship your holy name***

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending 10,000 years and then forever more

***Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul! Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship your holy name (repeat)***

O I'll worship your holy name I will worship your holy name

Songwriters: Jonas Myrin / Matthew James Redman

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Prayer Response

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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

Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer before Communion

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

"I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia". (John 15:1, 5)

Distribution of Holy Communion

I Have Loved You #588

*I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine.*

1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

Text: Jeremiah 31:3, Psalm 24:3; Michael Joncas, b. 1951 Tune: Michael Joncas, b. 1951 © 1979, OCP

Sending

Canticle of the Sun #576

*The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.*

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne.

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord.

Praise for the rain that waters our fields, And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her myst'ry revealed springs forth in joy.

Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the sun to brighten our night;
He dances with joy, his spirit so bright, He sings of you.

Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The creatures you made to let your life show;
The flowers and trees that help us to know the heart of love.

Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;
The gift of yourself, your presence revealed To lead us home.

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