



HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Hope Episcopal Church
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

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WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at office@hopeepiscopal.org.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13

SEASON OF EASTER

Easter is celebrated by Christians to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as described in the New Testament of the Bible. It is traditionally observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, with its timing determined by specific tables aligned with the Gregorian calendar in Western churches.

According to Christian beliefs, Jesus was crucified on Good Friday, and three days later, on Easter Sunday, He rose from the dead, symbolizing victory over sin and death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday is the cornerstone of the Christian faith, signifying the fulfillment of God's plan for redemption and offering believers the promise of eternal life. It is a day of immense joy and hope, as Christians celebrate the victory of light over darkness, life over death, and the triumph of God's love for humanity. Easter Sunday serves as a profound reminder of the transformative power of faith and the enduring message of hope that resonates throughout the ages.

Easter is considered the most important and joyful celebration in the Christian liturgical calendar. White is the liturgical color of Easter symbolizing rejoicing and purity of soul. The season of Easter extends to Pentecost Sunday - a period of 50 days. On the 40th day of Easter (Thursday) the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated.

CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol ♠ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

♠ Processional Hymn

#376 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest.

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove,
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day,
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee,
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

✦ The Acclamation


Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✦ The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.

✦ The Gloria



I, I serve a ris en Sav ior. He's in the world to day:

I, I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say:—

I, I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer,

I, And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.—

He lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with in my heart.—

The Collect for Purity

Christians have prayed this prayer for more than a thousand years. It is a prayer that orients our hearts and minds to God and prepares us for the praise and thanksgiving that is at the heart of our worship. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we ask to be transformed so that our lives, our love, and all of our worship may reveal the glory of God and our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

✠The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

The congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Lector A Reading from the book of Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I 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.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The 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. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and

your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If 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?" When 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Psalm 148

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Hallelujah!

 Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
 praise him in the heights.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

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

The Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6

Lector A Reading from the book of Revelation.

I 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he 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."

And 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." Then 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.


People Thanks be to God.



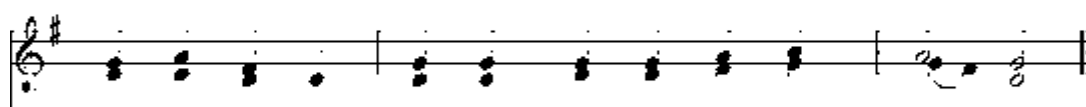
1 Book of books, our peo - ple's strength, states-man's, teach - er's, he - rn's
 2 Thank we those who toiled in thought, man - y di - verse scrolls com -
 3 Praise we God, who hath in - spired those whose wis - dom still di -



trea - sure, bring - ing free - dom, spread - ing truth,
 plet - ing, po - ets, pro - phets, schol - ars, saints,
 tects us; praise him for the Word made flesh,



shed - ding light that none can mea - sure; wis - dom comes to
 each a word from God re - peat - ing; till they came, who
 for the Spi - rit which pro - tects us. Light of know - ledge,



those who know thee, all the best we have we owe thee,
 told the sto - ry of the Word, and showed his glo - ry,
 ex - er burn - ing, shed on us thy death - less learn - ing.

John 13:31-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John. ✠✠✠

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Bradley Mattson

The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

The Nicene Creed

To be read in unison.

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 Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, **“Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!”**

The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

The Prayers of the People

The people kneel or stand as able.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Celebrant

Let us pray for all who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, at home and abroad, and for all who bear the burden of military service.

O God, stronghold of the faithful and refuge in every storm, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force. Watch over them in their service, shield them in danger, and grant them courage, wisdom, and endurance. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader

For military chaplains and spiritual leaders, that they may be a source of comfort, conviction, and hope, pointing always to your peace and presence. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For leaders of nations, including our own, that they may govern with wisdom and restraint, always seeking the paths that make for peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have died in service to our country, and for all who mourn them—may their sacrifice not be forgotten, and may your holy angels receive them into light perpetual. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us now pray for those who currently serve, offering aloud the names of any family, friends, or neighbors who are members of the Armed Forces.

(The people may name those for whom they pray, aloud or in their hearts.)

Surround them with your grace, O Lord. Strengthen them in spirit and body, and bring them safely home.

Bless all who love and wait for them. Sustain families in times of separation, and comfort those who carry fear or sorrow.

May your presence be a refuge and your peace a shield.

Celebrant

Holy God, you are our defender and our deliverer. Raise up peacemakers among the nations, and let your justice roll down like waters, until all swords are beaten into plowshares and your reign of peace is known on earth.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Deacon says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 your Son 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.

Silence

The Absolution

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

✠ The Peace

Deacon The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:

1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin

2. Text: "[AMOUNT]" to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.

3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to "Hope Episcopal Church". You may designate any ministry in the 'memo' line.

Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.



1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Doxology

The congregation stands

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.

Celebrant All things come from you, O God.

People And of your own have we given you.

✠The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer VI

The people stand.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift 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 our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

✠Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

The people kneel or stand.



The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”

Sursum Corda: Literally, “we lift up our hearts.” Here in the Sursum Corda the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

Sanctus: Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise for the Work of God the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

Praise for the Work of God the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

Then the Celebrant continues

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery shone clear that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, greeting fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." ✠

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

We now obey your Son's command We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en la tentación
y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Praise for the Work of God
the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (*Matthew 6:9-13*).

Breaking of Bread
The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament for those joining us at home via Livestream:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Music During Communion

Post Communion Hymn

#302 - "Father, We Thank Thee"

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - feet it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
Son to us in - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,
didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, su from all lands thy
Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

The Thanksgiving

The congregation stands

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

✦ The Blessing

✦ The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

“The Star Spangled Banner”

1. O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
2. O thus be it e - ver, when free men shall stand

What so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
Bet - ween their loved homes and the war's de - so - la - tion;

Whose broadstripes and bright stars, thro' the pe - ri - lous fight,
Blest with vict' - ry and peace, may the heav'n - res - cued land

O'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
Praise the pow'r that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion!

Prayer after Communion
In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

The Blessing & Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

This Month's Birthdays:

5/9 - Heather Puskar
5/11 - Fr. Jim Rinehart
5/12 - Ashley Merkey
5/17 - Mose Gruber
5/23 - Liam Peach
5/24 - Keegan Brown
5/24 - Phil High
5/31 - Janice Stauffer

This Month's Anniversaries:

5/21 - Dave & Heather
Puskar
5/26 - Bob & Mary Sims

Thank you to everyone who
helped provide lunch today!

If you'd like to sign up to
provide lunch, there is a sign-
up list on the whiteboard in
the parish house. The entire
year is listed on the sign-up
pages. The last Sunday of the
month is a Pot Luck, so plan
to bring your favorite dish!



And the rock - ets' red we glare, the bombs bur - sting in air,
Then con - quer we must, when our cause it is just;
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
And this be our mot - to; "In God is our trust!"
O say, does that star - spang - gled ban - ner yet
And the star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall
wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Postlude & Recessional

Worship Servers - May 18, 2025

Ushers - Jeremy Brown, Tom Brown
Lectors - Lynette Brown (1st & Psalm), Keegan Brown (2nd)
Prayers of the People - Steve Palmer
Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims
Altar Guild - Bob Sims
Acolytes - Keegan Brown, Liam Peach

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The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Worship at Hope Church

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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