



HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Hope Episcopal Church
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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, and 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:



Scan the QR Code below to check our more information about the Hope Always 175th Anniversary Campaign:



Scan here for The Big Way of Love children's resources for following Jesus:



Fourth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol \diamond indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol \boxtimes indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

\diamond Processional Hymn

#460 - "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" vs 1, 3, 4

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! his the
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal. thee the

1 sleep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph. his the vic - to - ry a - lone: Hark! the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool. heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
3 res - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 ma - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood,
3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

✦ The Acclamation

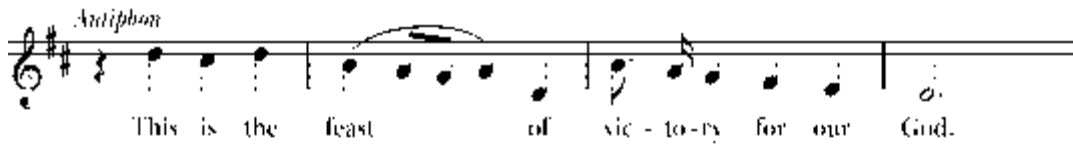
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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 Song of Praise

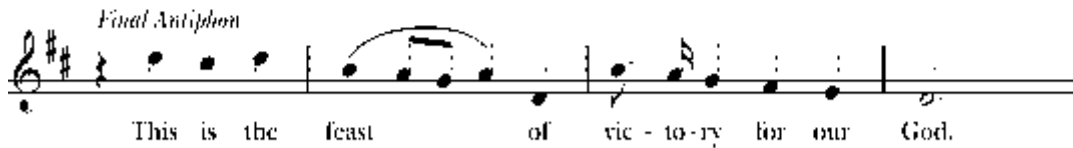
Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



- 1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
- 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
- 3 join in the hymn of all ere - a - tion. [Ant.]
- 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
- 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

○ God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Lector A Reading from the book of Acts.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble
me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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.

Lector A Reading from the book of 1st Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

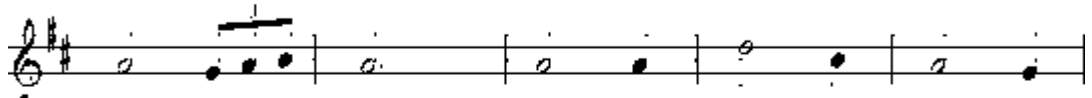
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

♠ Gradual Hymn #193 - “That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
3 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
4 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
4 fail-eth nev-er; Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
4 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

✠ The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

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 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 Prayers of the People

The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Let us pray silently or aloud for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Intercessor: We pray especially for those we name out loud or silently in our hearts.

People: Amen.

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

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.

✠ 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!



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call; praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call; the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall; hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall; go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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 B

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

It is right, and a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 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 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

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.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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

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).

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).

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).

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ✠

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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,	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
hallowed be thy Name,	santificado sea tu nombre;
thy kingdom come,	venga tu reino;
thy will be done,	hágase tu voluntad
on earth as it is in heaven.	en la tierra como en el
Give us this day our daily bread.	cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada
And forgive us our trespasses,	día. Perdona nuestras ofensas,
as we forgive those	como también nosotros perdonamos
who trespass against us.	a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation,	No nos dejes caer en la tentación
but deliver us from evil.	y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom,	Porque tuyo es el reino,
and the power, and the glory,	el poder y la gloria,
for ever and ever. Amen.	ahora y por siempre. Amén.

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

#325-“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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 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 Recessional

#191 - "Alleluia, Alleluia!"

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voi - ces heaven-ward raise;
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3 Christ is ris - en. Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field.
4 Christ is ris - en. we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace.
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise,
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his see - ond com - ing yield:
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled.
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise;
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, foun - tain of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the death,
2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise,
3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the tur - rows of the grave,
4 and by an - gel hands be - gath - ered, and be - ey - er, Lord, with thee,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

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 Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude



Join us for an English Tea Party on Saturday, May 30th from 12:00 N - 3:00 PM in the Parish House at Hope Church.

We will enjoy fellowship over assorted teas, tea sandwiches and pastries followed by a tour of our Historic Church. Tickets are \$20 which will be collected at the door on the day of the event. Reservations required.

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code below or contacting the church office at 717-665-6311.



Worship Servers April 26, 2026

This Month's Birthdays:

4/5 - Casey Hynick
4/5 - Dee Reidel
4/9 - Thomas Fenn
4/12 - Emily Leibley
4/14 - Jonathan Norton
4/16 - Betsy Small
4/19 - Carole Bubb
4/21 - Robert Bennett
4/30 - Kacey Norton

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!*

Ushers - Jim Burchik, Steve Norton
Lectors - Lydia Engle (1st & 2nd), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm)
Prayers of the People - LeAnne Burchik
Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims
Altar Guild - Bob Sims
Crucifer - Max Brown
Acolytes - JD Hynick

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Janice, Barbara, Angie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, Kyle, Betsy, Katie, Jim, Brandon, Kathleen, Liam, Felisa, Nancy, Claudia and our Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Hamlin; All Saints, Hanover; and Lay Formation

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To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the church office so they can be added to our prayer list.

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