



HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Hope Episcopal Church
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

May 17, 2026 10:00 AM

The Rev'd Bradley L. Mattson, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Lesher, Deacon

WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church. 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:



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Seventh 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

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

♠ Processional Hymn

v#108 - "To God Be The Glory"



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - ery be -
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -



world that he gave us his son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the pro - mise of God' The vil - est of - fen - der who
joie - ing through Je - sus the son; but pur - er and high - er and

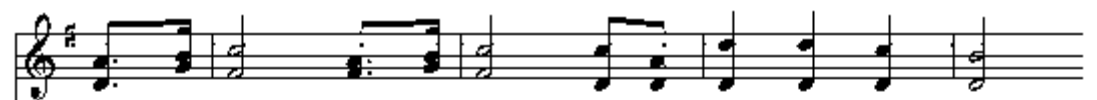


tone - ment for sin and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus tor - give - ness re - ceives.
great er will be our won - der, our rap - ture, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the son,



and give him the glo - ry! Great things he has done!

✦ 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 - S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons

The congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

Lector A Reading from the book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into
freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain,
O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

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.

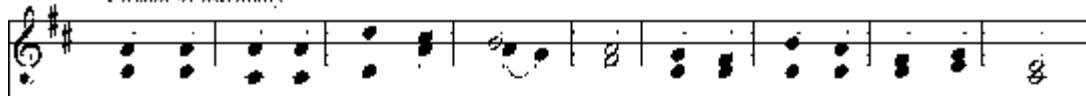
Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

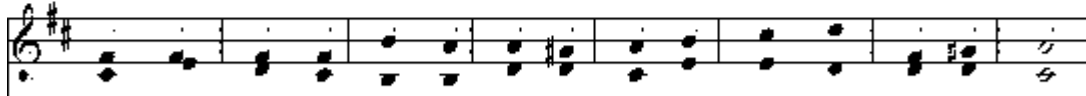
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison or harmony



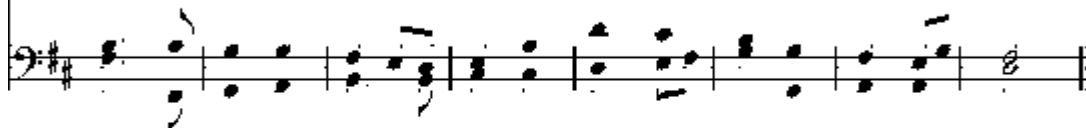
1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes,
 sun and moon bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ex - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.



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 Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 Sermon

The Rev. Bradley Mattson

✠ 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.

Intercessor: Let us pray. Eternal God, creator and preserver of all, and provider of grace to all who toil together in the hope of meaningful living: continue your saving work through your Spirit in our midst.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: **Grant that our lives, and Fr. Bradley's new call, may continue to be instruments for serving the common good, with time for leisure, for new growth and service**

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: Grant Fr. Bradley, as he leaves the accomplishments and trials of this congregation, a sense of gratitude for those who have shared this journey, both at Hope Church, in this community, the Church, and the world.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: **Give him thankfulness for all who have supported his life's journey, especially Jennifer, Anna Gail, William, Thomas, and Elizabeth, as well as for all those who have shared in his spiritual journey, that he may continually use insights from his path to help others know and serve God.**

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: Grant him wisdom and understanding in his new ministry, that he may be blessed with a positive, hopeful perspective, so that future years may be valued and productive, in service to you.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: Give forgiveness to us and to Fr. Bradley for all things done and left undone in our common life together.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: Grant to the people of Hope Church the vision to continue **on God's journey, to fulfill the mission of Hope, that all people might know God and love each other through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: Grant to this congregational family the awareness of those who have gone before us, a thankfulness for their abiding faith, and a willingness to ever seek the kingdom of God, both in this place and beyond its walls.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Intercessor: To you, O Lord, be the power and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Risen Christ, you have broken the power of death and opened before us the way of everlasting life: receive the prayers we have offered, kindle in us the joy of your resurrection, and send us forth as witnesses of your love, that the world may behold your life at work in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. 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.

Blessing of Yarn Ministry Items

✠ The Peace

Deacon The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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.



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The Offertory

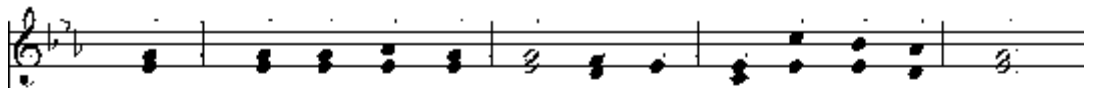
Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church via QR Code, Text, or through the offering plate. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

I am grateful to share that I have recently been elected to serve on the Board of the Episcopal Evangelism Society. EES exists to strengthen and encourage a faithful, generous, and distinctly Episcopal witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ - supporting leaders, seminarians, and ministries that help the Church seek, name, and celebrate God's loving presence in the world. Their work helps cultivate a culture of evangelism rooted in mutual respect, holy invitation, and the deep hope that God's love is still drawing all people into fuller life.

As part of my farewell service, you are invited to generously support this important ministry. Gifts may be made directly through the provided QR code, which will take you to the EES giving portal, or by check made payable to EES, with "Bradley's Farewell Service" written in the memo line. Thank you for honoring this next chapter by helping strengthen the Church's witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn

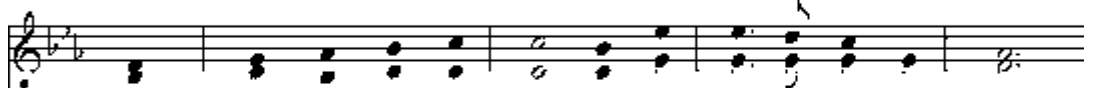
#525 - "The Church's One Foundation"



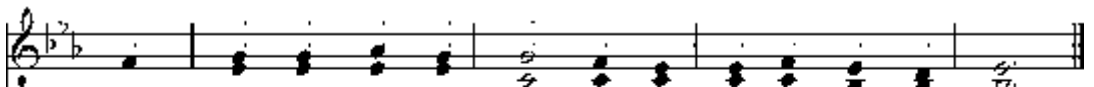
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful wan - der men see her sure up - pressed,
 4 Mid - toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One;



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and hu - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - doed,
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest,
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

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 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:

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).

♠ Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of 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.

The people stand or kneel. 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 forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” ✠

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).

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

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.

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

#671-“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see,
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved;
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures,
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home,
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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 Minister addresses the Bishop's Representative & congregation with these words

On the 21st day of May, 2021, I was appointed by Bishop Scanlan as your pastor. In May, 2022, I was inducted as rector of Hope Episcopal Church. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of Hope Church ends this day.

The Ven. Jane Myron says

Do you, the people of Hope Church, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

Priest At the beginning of my ministry, you gave me many things in trust and a charge as to how to use them. Now, I leave these and other things with you, the ministers of Hope Church, its congregation and lay leaders.

The church stoles are presented to a member of the Liturgy Planning Team:
Continue to use the Bible, Book of Common Prayer and these stoles that belong to this church to ensure that the prayers of God's people and, along with the ministry of clergy, the sacraments of the church continue in this place. Amen.

A hymnal is presented to the Organist & Choirmaster:

Continue to use the hymnal to ensure that the praise of God continues in this place. Amen.

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.

Holy oil is presented to the Altar Guild:

Continue to use this oil for anointing and ensure that this remains a place of care, healing and reconciliation. Amen.

The Communion kit is presented to the Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

Continue to use the congregation's Communion kit and ensure that this remains a place of mutual care, healing and reconciliation. Amen.

A Children's Bible is presented to the Children's Church Leader:

Continue to use this Children's Bible and formation resources so that these children may learn of God's love for us in Christ. Amen.

Gardening tools are presented to the leader of the Creation Care ministry:

Continue to use these gardening tools to feed God's people in this community. Amen.

A prayer shawl is presented to the members of the Yarn Ministry:

Continue to create prayer shawls, blankets and other things of beauty and prayer that all who receive them will be wrapped in Christ's love. Amen.

Canons, By-laws and Vestry Handbook are presented to the Vestry:

Receive these Canons, By-laws and the Vestry Handbook and ensure that this congregation continues to be governed in accordance with them and in communion with our Bishop. Amen.

Blessed water is presented to our children and youth:

Continue to use this water for the baptismal font and ensure that this remains a place where people are loved and brought into the family of God through baptism. Amen.

To Senior Warden:

Receive these keys and ensure that the doors of this place remain open to all people. Amen.

Let all these be signs of the ministry that is yours and the Bishop's in this place. Amen.

✦ The Blessing

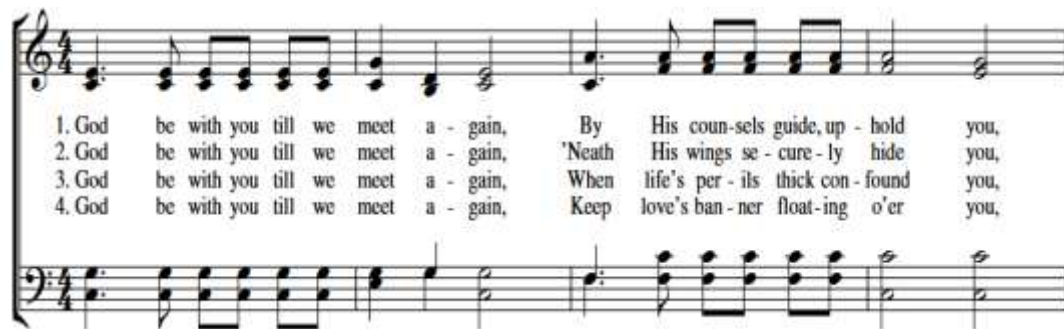
Priest returns his vestments to the high altar.

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.

Choral Benediction

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”



1. God be with you till we meet a - gain, By His coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath His wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain, When life's per - ils thick con - found you,
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain, Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,



With His sheep se - cure - ly fold you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put His arms un - fail - ing round you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threat - ning wave be - fore you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain



Till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ Till we meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet;
Till we meet, till we meet a - gain, _____



Till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Till we meet, till we meet a - gain, _____

The Recessional

“Lord, Jesus Christ, You Call Your Church”

The musical score consists of four systems. The first system is for Piano, and the subsequent three are for Pno. (Piano). Each system contains a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Piano

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call your church to fol - low where you lead; you
 2. You meet us at the font and feast and make your mer - cy known; you
 3. You call us, Je - sus, as your friends, and keep us near your side; you
 4. The lead us on, Lord Je - sus Christ, with hope al - ways our song, un -

Pno.

are its life, its hope, its song, its word in thought and deed. Through
 ga - ther in the lost and least and claim them as your own. You
 know our names, you hear our prayers, in you we shall a - bide. Your
 til the church tri - um - phant sings where all your saints be - long. When

Pno.

chang - ing days and pas - sing years your pro - mise stays the same; the
 teach your church to break the bread and share the cup of grace; till
 friend - ship stea - dies wea - ry hearts and lifts the ones bowed low; and
 ev - ery tear is turned to joy and death shall be no more; we'll

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“Lord Jesus Christ, You Call Your Church” – Words: Rev. Bradley Mattson. Music: “Semper Spera” by Mattson/Reese/Beach. CMD © 2026

✦ The Dismissal

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

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

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

Worship Servers

May 17, 2026

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

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: Grace Church, Honesdale; St. Stephen's,
Harrisburg; Stevenson School for Ministry
Diocese of Kajo Keji St. Paul Loopo Parish

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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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
5/26 - Nathaniel True
5/31 - Janice Stauffer

This Month's Anniversaries:

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

Thank you to for
Janelle Weckerly for
providing 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!



Join us for an English Tea Party on Saturday, May 30th from 12N - 3PM 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. To reserve your spot, scan the QR Code or contact the church office at 717-665-6311. Reservations required.

Vacation Bible School will run from Monday, July 6th through 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All children ages preschool and up are welcome! Join us for a fun and meaningful time this July for as we become more Rooted in God at Hope Episcopal Church! Vacation Bible School is a great chance for kids to learn, play, and make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Don't miss out on a week of bible stories, crafts, and other fun games and activities while we explore what it means to be "rooted" in God! Lunch will be provided each day. Please email the Parish Administrator (office@hopeepiscopal.org) if you have children with food allergies. We will conclude the week with a short service to celebrate and bless our projects on Thursday afternoon. Parents are invited to come back early and join the celebration! We can't wait to see you there!

Coming up at Hope:

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| 5/18 | Yarn Ministry Meeting |
| 5/25 | Memorial Day |
| 5/30 | English Tea Party & Tour |
| 6/14 | Flag Day |
| 6/21 | Father's Day |
| 7/6 - 7/9 | Vacation Bible School |

Next Sunday's Worship Servers - May 24th

Ushers: Jim Burchik, Steve Norton
Readings: Melody Evans, Stephanie Seaman
Prayers: Kathleen Peach
LEM: Bob Sims
Crucifer: JD Hynick
Altar Guild: Lynette Brown



A Jubilee Parish

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in the United States of America
The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of the Susquehanna

Worship at Hope Church

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

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