# Hymns for May 18, 2025

**Processional:** H494 Crown Him w Many Crowns Hymn of Praise: NSB191 Glory in Excelsis **Gradual:** NSB27 Blessed Assurance **Offertory**: In Christ Alone **Sanctus**: S130 Holy, Holy, Holy **Fraction**: Nativity Anthem **Communion**: H671 *Amazing Grace* **Recessional:** H494 Crown Him w Many Crowns

Easter 5

# The Word of God (Holy Eucharist II Prayer C)

#### Prelude

# **Opening Hymn**

# Crown Him with Many Crowns (H494) 1.

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity

2.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

#### 3.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

#### 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.

People: Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** Glory in Excelsis (NSB 191) 1. Glory to God in the highest, and Peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* God be with you. *People*: And also with you. *Celebrant*: Let us pray

**Celebrant**: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

# First Testament Reading

#### Acts 11:1-18

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."

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

People: Thanks be to God

# The Psalm

Spoken Responsively by half verse

#### Psalm 148:1-14

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise Abba God from the heavens;\*
- praise Abba God in the heights.
- 2 Praise God, all you angels of God;\* praise God, all God's host.

3 Praise Abba God, sun and moon;\* praise Abba God, all you shining stars.

#### 4 Praise God, heaven of heavens,\* and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of Abba God;\* for Abba God commanded, and they were created.

6 God made them stand fast for ever and ever;\*

God gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise Abba God 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 Majesties of the earth and all peoples,\* royals and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young people,\* old and young together.

#### 13 Let them praise the Name of Abba God,\* for God's Name only is exalted, God's splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 God has raised up strength for God's people and praise for all God's loyal servants,\* the children of Israel, a people who are near Abba God.

# Hallelujah!

# **Epistle Reading**

#### **Revelation 21:1-6**

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."

**Reader**: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **People**: Thanks be to God

## **Gradual** Blessed Assurance (NSB 27)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

# **The Gospel**

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### John 13:31-35

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."

*Deacon*: The Gospel of Christ *People*: Praise to you, Lord Christ

#### **Gradual** Blessed Assurance (NSB 27)

2. Perfect submission – all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

#### **The Sermon**

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

All: We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all living things. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,

he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen

# The Prayers of the People (from Form III)

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God, for our community, the Church, and the world:

*Leader*: Creator, we pray for unity within the church of God and between all traditions; *Congregation*: That we may be one family in You as You are in us.

*Leader*: Grant that all who know you by any name may truly and humbly serve you and their neighbor;

**Congregation**: That you may be given all glory and honor by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and leaders in all traditions; Congregation: That they may lead their people in truth and light. *Leader*: We pray especially for our leadership team;

**Congregation**: That they remain always in Your care as they share their gifts in ministry to this community.

*Leader*: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the communities, states, regions, and nations of the world; *Congregation:* That they use their authority to benefit all the peoples of the world. Leader: Give each of us gathered here grace, strength and courage to be examples of your Love in all that we do;

**Congregation**: That our words and deeds may bring your Spirit to others.

*Leader*: May our care for this world, our island home, show the gratitude and respect given by welcome guests; *Congregation:* That our descendants may also celebrate and rejoice in your creation.

Leader: Have compassion on your people who are suffering from grief or troubles; Congregation: That they know You walk beside them through these challenges.

Leader: Give to our beloved departed eternal rest;

**Congregation**: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Leader*: Let us pray, out loud or in silence, for our needs and the needs of others;

*Celebrant:* (concluding collect)

Congregation: Amen

## **The Peace**

**Celebrant**: The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*: And also with you.

### **Time for Blessings**

## **Offertory Sentence**

# **Hymn During Collection**

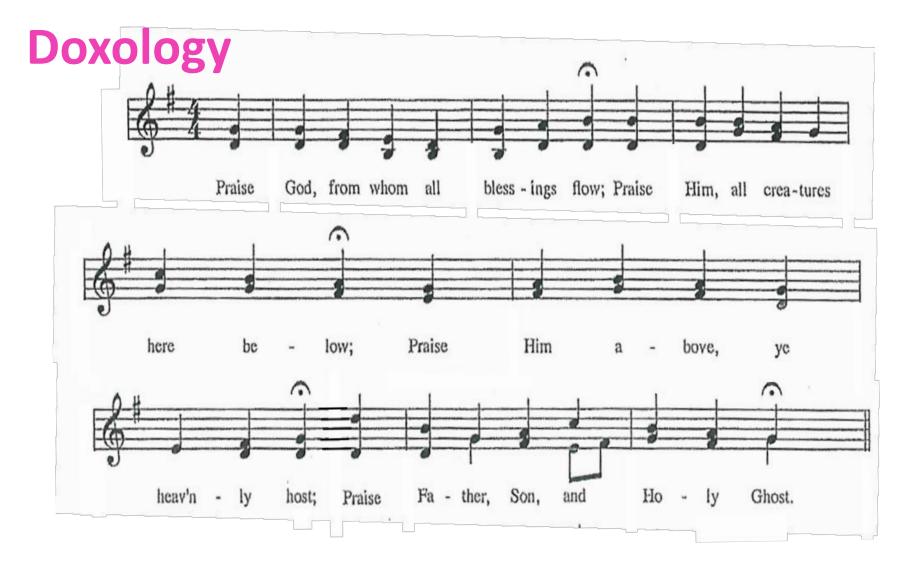
## In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. [And] on that cross as Jesus died, [our human sin was magnified. Yet Love thru him it did not fade]; here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand. Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



*Celebrant*: All things come of you, O God; *People:* and of your own have we given you.

# The Liturgy of the Table

#### **Holy Eucharistic Prayer C**

*Celebrant*: God be with you. **People:** And also with you. *Celebrant*: Lift up your hearts. **People:** We lift them to God **Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to God **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant**: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

**Celebrant**: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People**: By your will they were created and have their being.

**Celebrant:** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us to have dominion and communion with creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another and the creation.

**People**: Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

**Celebrant**: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you reveled your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People**: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

**Celebrant**: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## All (S130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**Celebrant**: And so, Creator, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts, Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

*People*: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

*Celebrant*: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People*: Risen Christ, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

**Celebrant**: Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship from generation to generation.

People: AMEN.

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

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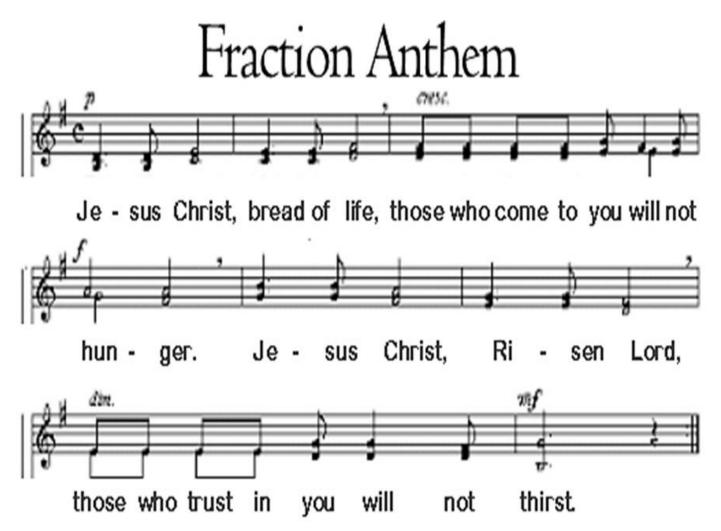
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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. The Breaking of the Bread

**Celebrant**: God of Promise, you have prepared a banquet for us, Alleluia!

**People**: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb, Alleluia!

# The Fraction Sung by All



# **Celebrant**: τὰ ἅγια τοῖς ἁγιοῖς

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Music**

## Amazing Grace (H671)

 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!  The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. 4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### Post Communion Prayer Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the rise life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Blessing of the Beloved

**Closing Hymn** Crown Him with Many Crowns (H494) 4. Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

#### 5.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown him the king, to whom is given, the wondrous name of love. Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is king of all.

## **The Dismissal**

**Deacon**:

**People**: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Postlude* Announcements

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