



## Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

• The 6th Sunday of Easter • Rogation Day • May 25, 2025 •

### Opening Hymn 516

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

### Penitential Rite

Creator God, you make the resplendent glory of the Risen One shine with new radiance on the world, whenever our human weakness is healed and restored. Gather all your scattered children into one flock following Christ, our Good Shepherd, so that all may taste the joy you bestow. Now, prepare us for your joy as we confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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 Lord has shown forth his glory:  
**Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### *Jubilate: Psalm 100*

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;\* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God;\* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving: go into his courts with praise;\* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;\* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### Psalm 67

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The first reading is from the Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where

we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 11:** The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \* and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \* deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \* and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \* and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \* by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \* The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \* ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \* and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \* by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \* and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be. Amen.

**The second reading** is from Book of Revelation  
**21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or

falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*A Psalm for agriculture*

**How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.**

You make grass grow for the cattle  
and plants for people to cultivate,  
bringing forth food from the earth:  
wine that gladdens human hearts,  
oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their hearts.

**How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.**

People go forth to their work,  
to their labor until evening.  
How many are your works, Lord!  
In wisdom you wrought them all.

**How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.**

All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.  
When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are satisfied with  
good things.

**How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.**

When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and  
return to the dust.

When you send your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

**How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.**

The **Holy Gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John 5:1-9

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.** After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

Music

#### ***Affirmation of Faith:***

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son, and holy Spirit. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray in union with our risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of Christ, his own gift to his apostles, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who hold authority in this world and in the church, that the Holy Spirit may guide them into ways of justice, peace, and truth, for the good of all people everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those whose hearts are troubled, through hunger, fear, poverty, sickness, loneliness, or for whatever reason (especially N.), that the love of Christ may make its home with them and fill them with all peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have been baptised into Christ's death and resurrection, that we may love Christ and keep his word, and be made one with each other with Christ in God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole creation, men, women, children, plants, animals, minerals, and the wonders of the universe, that we may all in our varied ways give praise to the God who made and loves us, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who till the earth and those who fish in the waters to bring food to the world, and for all whose hand is open to give bread to the hungry, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

*Celebrant concludes*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have sent your Holy Spirit to teach us and to bring to remembrance all you have done in the power of God. Be known to us, as you have promised. Hear our prayers, grant us your peace and love, and give us those things which we need in this life for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **Offertory sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

#### **Offertory Hymn 538**

*Prayer over the gifts:*

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.  
**Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 his 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, . . . .

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving . . . .

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.**

Because in Christ we have received the Spirit of adoption, as sons and daughters of God we dare to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as  
in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive  
us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from  
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **The Breaking of the Bread-**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Behold the true Light of the world, the Beloved of God, anointed by the Spirit. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will. Let us pray.

**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.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to the reality that Christ is with us wherever we are. **Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.\_  
**And also with you.**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer**

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. **Amen.**

#### **Closing hymn 579**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**