

Fifth Sunday of Easter
3 May 2026

Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Presentation of the Offering

O Lord God, keep our hearts from making money and material goods our treasure. Whenever we receive earthly blessings from You, refresh our memory with Your greater mercy which accepted Christ's suffering and death as atonement for our sins. Make eternal salvation the treasure we desire above all else. May Your boundless love which provides for all our needs of body and soul bring forth in us a thankful heart which brings generous offerings, cheerfully and freely given. In our resurrected Savior's name we ask this. Amen!

[Share God's Peace]

Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may live faithfully as Your people now and dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send laborers into Your harvest, Lord. Preserve Your ministers among us who are devoted to Your Word and to prayer. Give many servants to Your Church, and give to all Christians a servant heart, that neither the preaching of Your Word nor the care of Your people may fall into neglect or disregard. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, help parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, that they may not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, or any other idol of this world and age. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still preserves what You have made. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; Jay, our governor; and all elected and appointed civil servants. Lead them to honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life. Give them wisdom and moderation to lead for the well-being of the nation. Protect our military and lead them to serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, Your Son declared Himself to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all who have requested our prayers, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Ralph, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, Denise, and Marilyn. May Christ Himself be their way of salvation, their truth amid doubt and their life amid death. Grant them a sure and steadfast hope in the good news that He has prepared a place for them with You, where pain and sickness are no more and all things are made new. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, remember Autumn Raschke. Bless her in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, in Christ You have made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people for Your possession. Preserve Your people in the one true faith, and grant that all who come to Your Supper this day might do so with repentant hearts that thankfully receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank and praise You for Your servant Stephen, whom Your Son has received into His glory. May we imitate him in faith and love to speak Your truth with boldness even in the face of suffering and martyrdom, forgiving those who sin against us as Christ forgave His persecutors from the cross. When our last hour comes, let us fall asleep in Him and be born into eternal life, for the sake of Him who was born into our flesh to redeem it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**