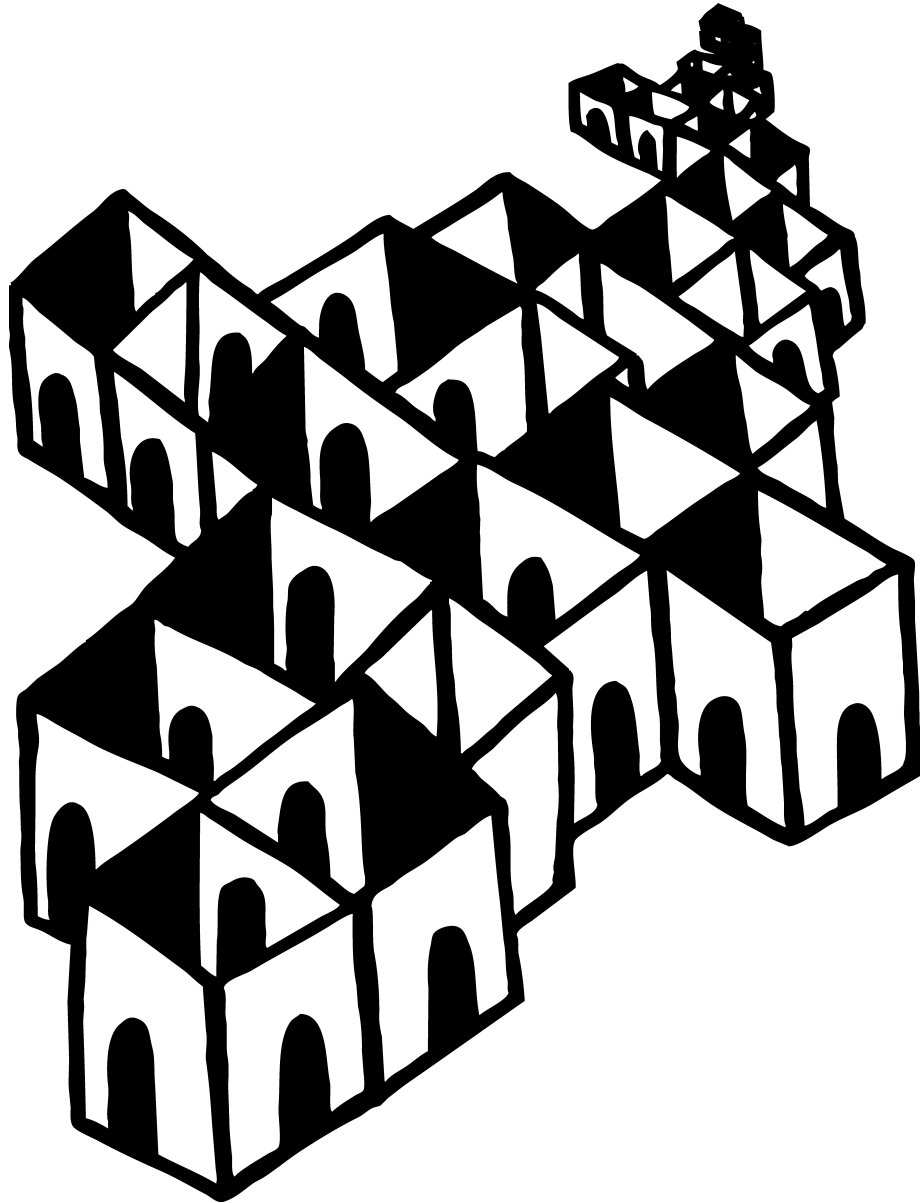


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**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026**

# The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

## Prelude

## Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) (Hymn 518)*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of  
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er  
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter  
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Presider may say*

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.*

## SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (S 280)*

*The following is sung, all standing*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty 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.

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.  
People *And also with you.*  
Presider Let us pray.

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. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your lovingkindness save me.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and  
“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”  
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (My Heart Sings Out 20)***

*All stand.*

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

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

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**GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

*All stand.*

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told his disciples, <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

**THE HOMILY**

**REV. RUSS GORDON**

**“OUR NEW IDENTITY”**

## THE CREED

*All stand.*

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.

## El Credo Niceno

Creemos en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso,  
Creador de cielo y tierra,  
de todo lo visible e invisible.

Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,  
Hijo único de Dios,  
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de  
Dios, Luz de Luz,  
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no  
creado,  
de la misma naturaleza que el Padre,  
por quien todo fue hecho;  
que por nosotros y por nuestra salvación  
bajó del cielo:  
por obra del Espíritu Santo  
se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre.

Por nuestra causa fue crucificado  
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato:  
padeció y fue sepultado.  
Resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, subió al  
cielo  
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre. De nuevo  
vendrá con gloria  
para juzgar a vivos y muertos,  
y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo,  
Señor y dador de vida,  
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,  
que con el Padre y el Hijo  
recibe una misma adoración y gloria,  
y que habló por los profetas.

Creemos en la Iglesia,  
que es una, santa, católica y apostólica.  
Reconocemos un solo Bautismo  
para el perdón de los pecados. Esperamos la  
resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo  
futuro. Amén.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Presider and the People say together*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

Presider        The peace of the Lord be  
                     always with you.

People         *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## LA PAZ

*De pie.*

Preside    La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

Pueblo    *Y también contigo*

*El pueblo puede saludarse en nombre del Señor*

## Announcements

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Presider says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## OFFERTORY HYMN *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)* (Hymn 487)



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider proceeds*

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:

*Presider and People*

**Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy] (Wonder, Love and Praise 785)**

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Presider 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Presider 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 James and John 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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Presider*

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.

Oremos como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos enseñó.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
    santificado sea tu Nombre,  
    venga tu reino,  
    hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra  
    como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
    como también nosotros perdonamos  
    a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén

## The Breaking of the Bread

### *Christ our Passover (Hurd) (S 154)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### *The Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### *The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Let us break bread together on our knees (Let Us Break Bread) (Hymn 325)*

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. \_\_\_\_\_

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*


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.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN *Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing (Alles ist an Gottes Segen) (Hymn 334)*



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -  
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE**

*Ministers of the Liturgy*

Presider	The Rev. Russ Gordon
Eucharistic Minister	Lucy Simola
Chalice Bearer	Marilyn Gerber
Lector	Chris Rudman
Spanish Gospeler	David Dod
Ushers	Marilyn Gerber & Judi Dod
Acolyte	Rebecca Arroyo
Musician	Josh Tarica
Tech	Mac Learned
Vestry on Duty	Judi Dod
Altar Guild	Team A
Coffee Hour	Kathy & Chuck Barton
Counters	Kathy & Chuck Barton



### ***Birthdays***

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when *she* stands; comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up when *she* falls; and in *her* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen*

### ***Anniversaries***

O God, you have called us into faithful friendship with you and each other: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

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