

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 a.m.



*Tanja Butler, "Christ the Vine"*

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

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We are so pleased that you are worshipping with us here at St. Philip's.

If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to us or fill out a pew card so we can stay in touch. Also, please feel free to come to the Parish Hall for coffee between the services.

We are an active church and eager to make you welcome in our midst, but we shall do so only at your comfort level. Please share your needs and concerns with us and allow us to be helpful in your spiritual journey.

We look forward to getting to know you, and hope that you become a part of the life of St. Philip's.

If there is anything I can personally do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

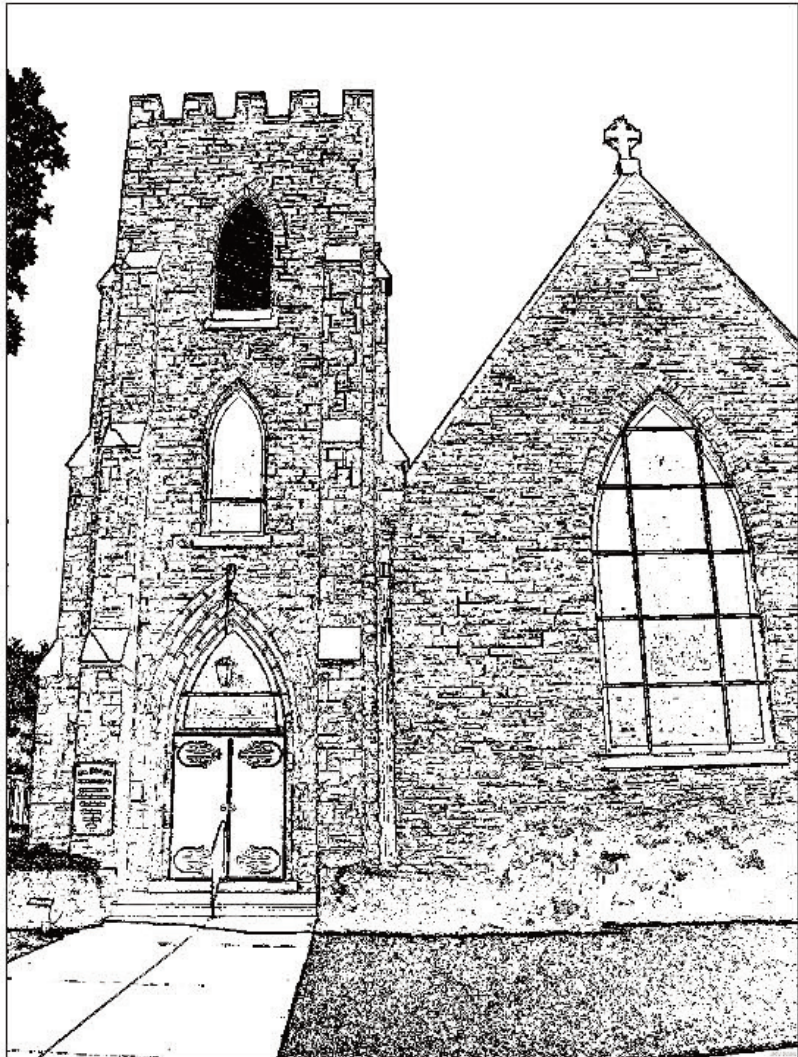
*Fr. Mike* ✠



*Assisted listening devices are available in the back of the church. An usher will provide you with one and show you how it works.*

*The Restrooms are located across the hall from the Parish Offices.*

*If you need assistance locating the restrooms, please ask one of the Ushers.*



# Order of Service

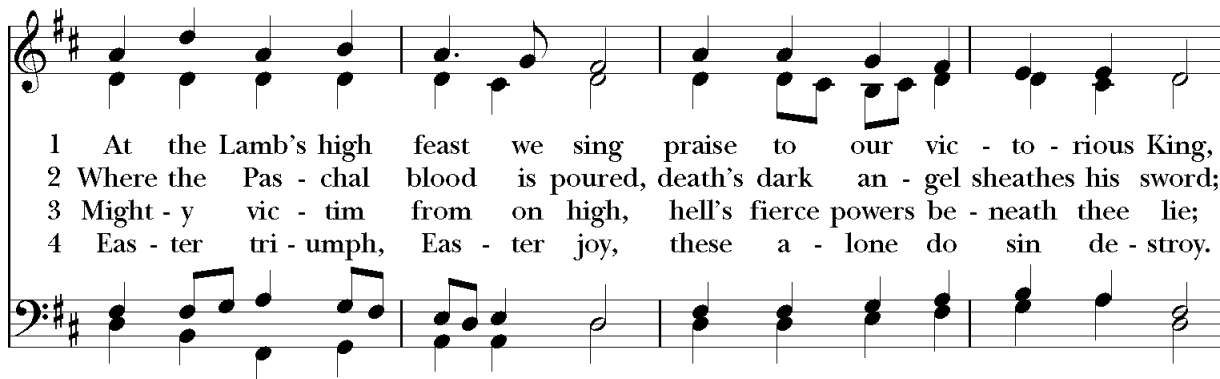
Prelude Prelue in G Major, BWV 541

Bach

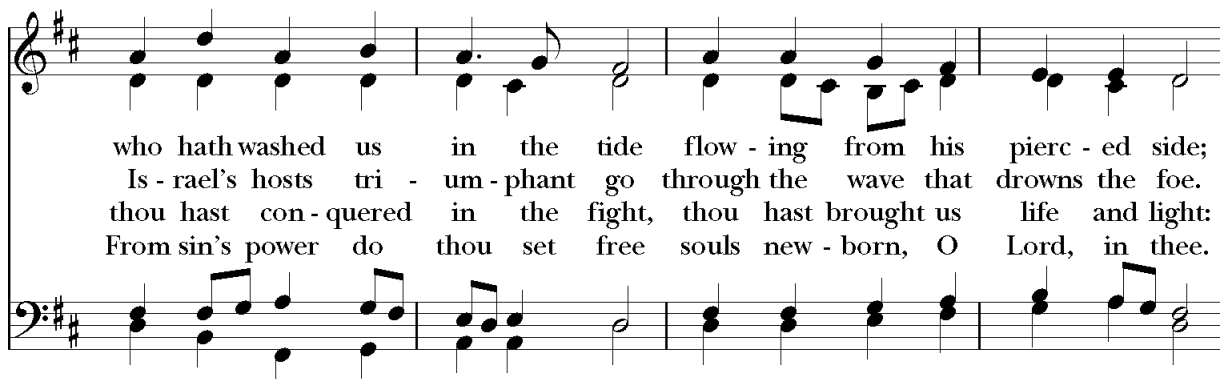
*When the bell rings three times, everyone stands as each person is able.*

**Processional Hymn:** At the Lamb's high feast we sing

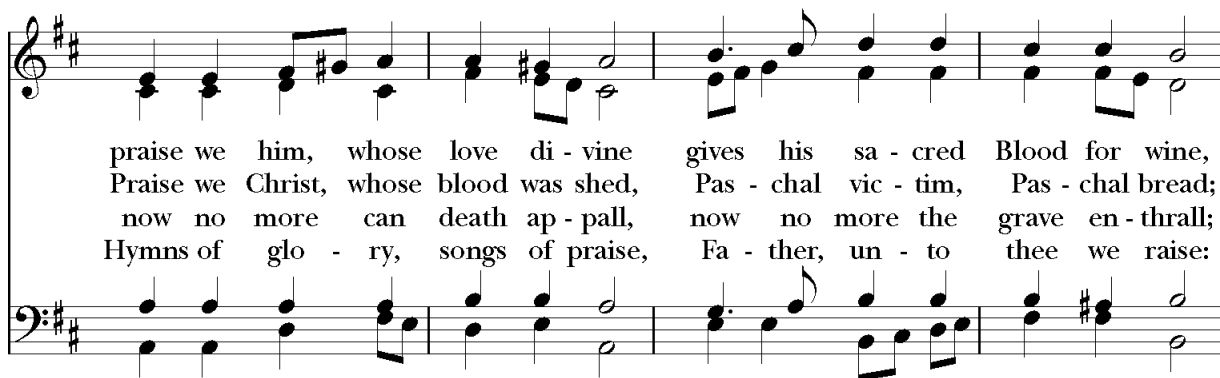
Hymnal 1982 #174



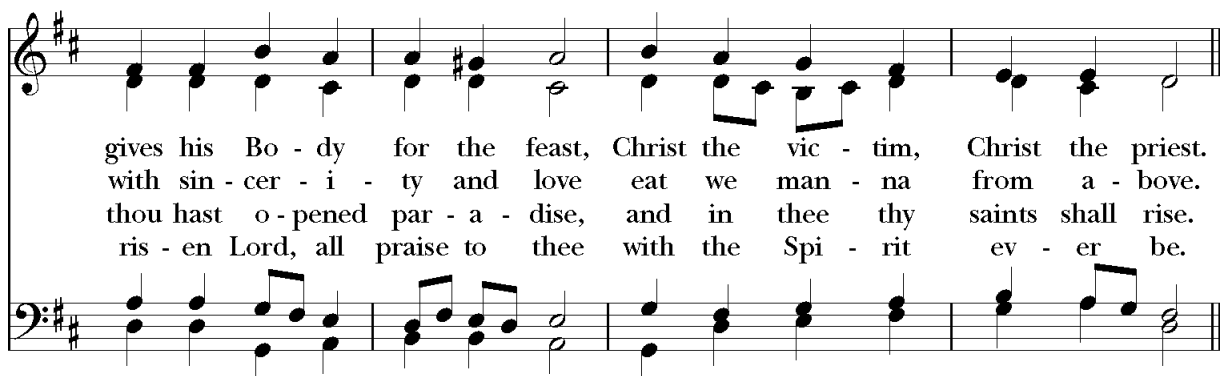
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

# The Word of God

*All remain standing as able until the Lessons.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant then continues with the Collect for Purity*

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.**

## Gloria

Hymnal 1982 S280

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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992);  
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## Collect of the Day

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

### *The Celebrant then says*

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 *All are seated until the reading of the Gospel.*

### The First Lesson: 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
 so he does not open his mouth.  
 In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
 Who can describe his generation?  
 For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Robert Knox Kennedy  
 (b. 1945)



**Psalm 22:24-30** *Confitemini Domino*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great a - ssembly; \*  
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
 and all the families of the nations shall bow be - fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
 all who go down to the dust fall be - fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un - born \*  
 the saving deeds that he has done.

**The Epistle:** 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

*As the Gospel procession moves down the center aisle into the congregation, turn and face the Gospel book.*

**Sequence Hymn:** We walk by faith, and not by sight (vss. 1-2)

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1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

**The Gospel:** John 15:1-8

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

*People*       Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have

already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

**Sequence Hymn:** We walk by faith, and not by sight (vss. 3-4)

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*Please be seated at the invitation of the Homilist.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Michael P. Stephenson, Rector

**Nicene Creed** *Please stand as you are able.*

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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 Prayers of the People ~ Form III

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*The Intercessor and People pray responsively. The people may stand or kneel as able.*

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

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

Intercessor In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh; in the  
 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Altus; in the Parish Cycle of Prayer we  
 pray for St. Philip's Rector and Staff. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and  
 Poulson our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joseph, our president, Kevin, our governor, Sheryl, our mayor, the  
 leaders in our surrounding towns and communities; and all who govern and hold  
 authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).  
*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).  
*People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

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

*Silence may be kept. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

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

## Announcements and Birthday and Anniversary blessings

# Holy Eucharist

## Offertory

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence from Scripture.*

## Offertory Anthem Sing Unto God

by John Ness Beck

*Sing to the Lord!  
Sing psalms to the Lord!  
Talk of all God's wondrous works!*

*Praise ye the Lord!  
Give thanks to the Lord!  
Glory to God's holy name.*

*O that all would praise the Lord for goodness to the children.  
I will greatly praise the Lord in the assembly of the people.*

*Sing to the Lord!  
Sing psalms to the Lord!  
Talk of all God's wondrous works!*

*Praise ye the Lord!  
Give thanks to the Lord!  
Glory to God's holy name.*

*O sing unto God!*

*Representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings, which are then placed on the Altar.*

## The Doxology *All sing, standing as you are able.*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
him a -bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Celebrant      All things come from thee, O Lord.  
**People**      **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*The people remain standing.*

## The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

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*The Celebrant and People continue as follows:*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant 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:

*The Sanctus Bells are rung three times. 🔔🔔🔔*

### Sanctus

Hymnal #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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 kneel or stand.*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

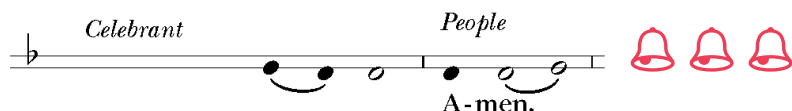
**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*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 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 forever.



*The Celebrant then continues*

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

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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.
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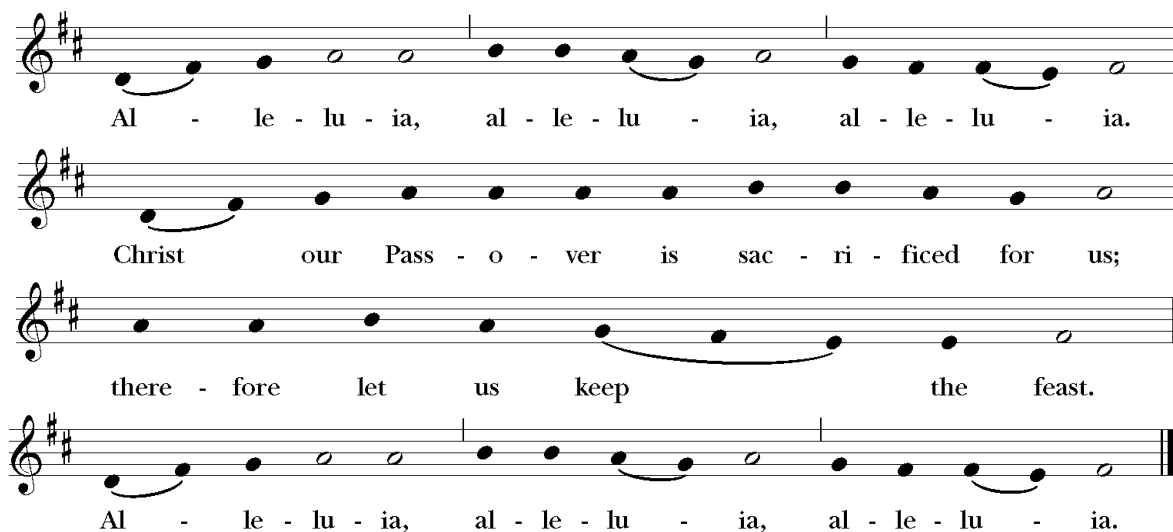
**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the bread.*

*Then the Celebrant and People sing together.*

## Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Hymnal 1982 S154



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.

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*The Celebrant invites the congregation to communion.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*When approaching the altar, standing & kneeling are equally appropriate.*

## All are welcome at the Lord's Table

*For those who wish to take Holy Communion or receive a blessing, come forward to the Altar rail. Some people will kneel while others will stand; both are appropriate. When the host is offered, simply hold out your hand - palm up - to receive the Bread.*

*You may receive the wine from the common cup (chalice) or from the disposable cups. To receive from the chalice, guide the cup to your lips by holding the base with your fingers. You may also dip the bread lightly into the chalice. For the disposable cups, take a cup of wine from the tray and dispose of the cup in the bowl behind you when finished, return to your seat using the aisles on the far left or right. (Anyone who is unable to come to the Altar rail, please notify the ushers and Holy Communion will be brought to you.)*

*Should you not wish to receive Communion but prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, thus alerting the priest that you wish to be blessed.*

*All remain seated for the singing of the Communion Hymn(s). The Communion Hymn(s) can be found in The Hymnal 1982 in the pew rack. All are welcome to sing.*

**Communion Hymn:** "King of glory, King of peace"  
"Jesus is Lord of all the earth"

Hymnal 1982 #382  
Hymnal 1982 #178

**Communion Response: Christ Be with Me** *All stand as they are able.*

Hymnal 1982 #370 (*stanza 6*)

Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,  
Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that  
win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)  
Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, Irish melody; adapt. Charler Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); Stanza 6  
Music: *Deirdre*, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, (1872-1958); Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-718803.

**Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor**

**Celebrant** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

*The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

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**Celebrant 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**

*All stand as they are able.*

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

Recessional Hymn: "That Easter day with joy was bright"

Hymnal 1982 #193



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Dismissal:

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia. Alleluia!  
 People Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

Postlude Cornet Voluntary

John Travers

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
In memory of Betty  
by Charles Davenport*

## Today's Worship Participants

### 8am

Mike Vanway  
Megan Wells  
*(none)*  
Randy Simmons  
Leah Colclasure  
Leah Colclasure  
Sheryl Ellis  
Guy Bacon  
Labeth Nall & Randy Simmons  
Crystal Cortés

**Ushers**  
**Crucifer**  
**Torch Bearers**  
**Subdeacon**  
**The First Reading**  
**The Psalm**  
**The Epistle**  
**Intercessor**  
**Chalicians**  
**Cameras**

### 10:30am

Louis Hope & John Sjulín  
Maggie Nance  
Hattie Nance & Isabelle Wells  
Randy Simmons  
José Cortés  
*(sung)*  
Susan Yeager  
Amanda Jackson-Willy  
Laurel McCulloh & Kyle Craighead  
Leslie Bates

Lay Eucharistic Visitor ~ Laurel McCulloh  
Vestry Representatives ~ Labeth Nall & Leah Colclasure  
Altar Guild ~ Martha Riesen, Julie Anastasio, Linda Johnstone & Cheri Clark

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