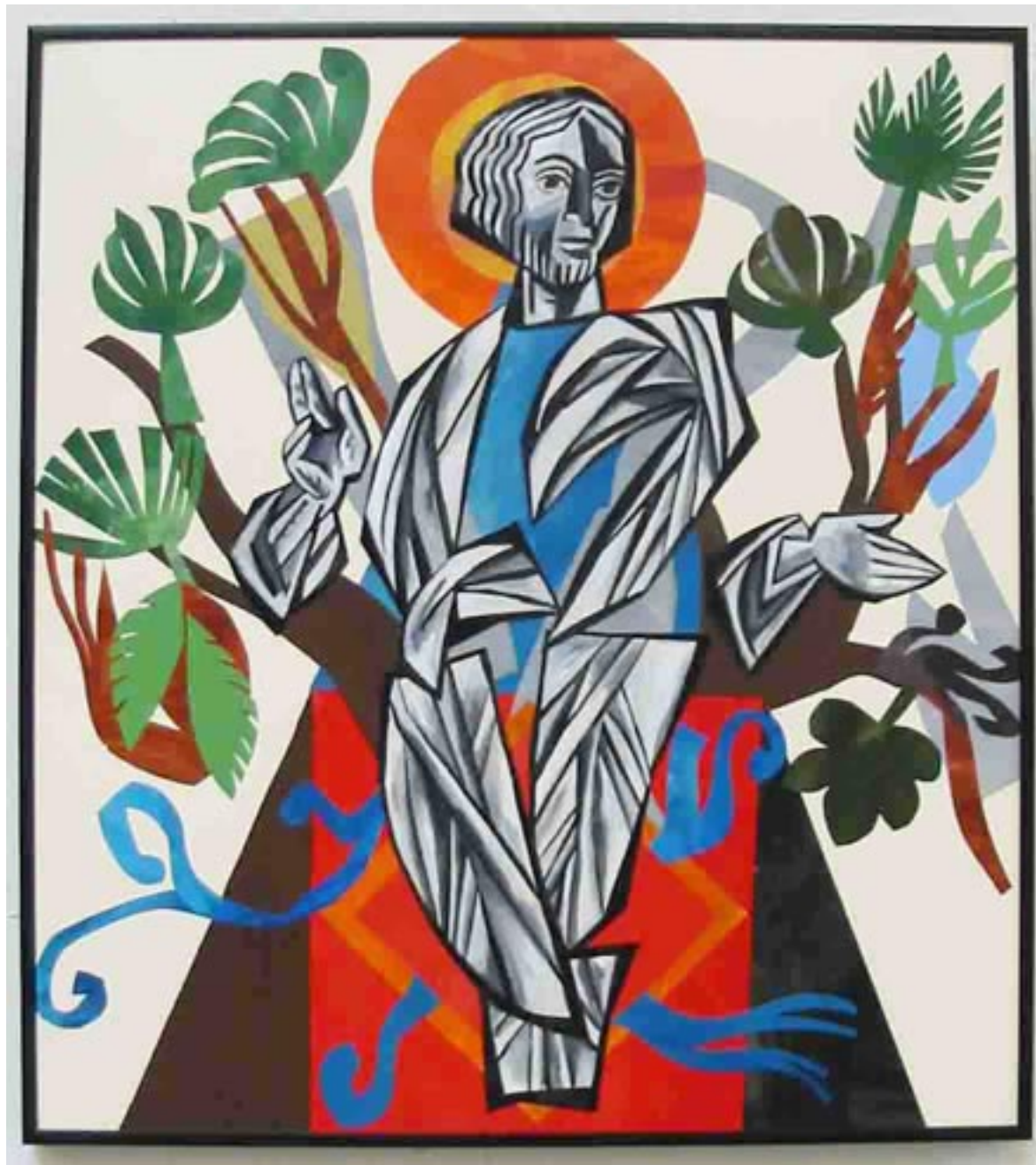


The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 ~ 8:00 a.m.



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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.

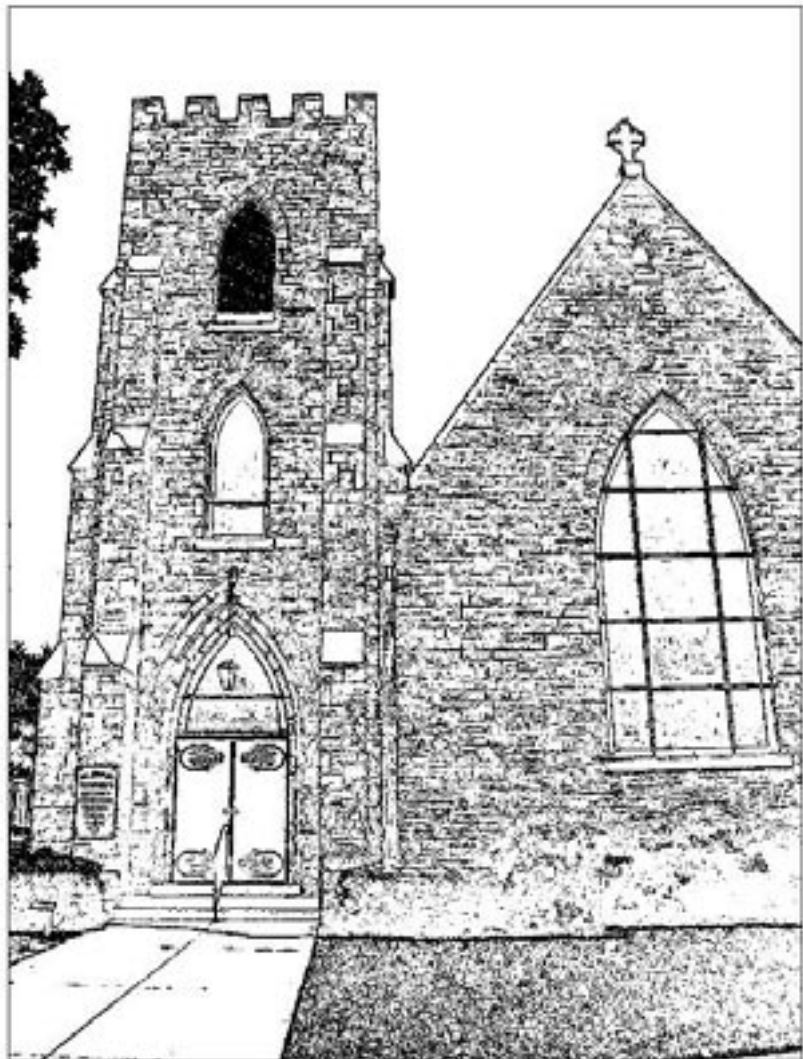
Fr. Mike ✠



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.



The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

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

All remain standing as able until the Lessons.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant then continues:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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Gloria in excelsis This hymn of glory to God is said by all, facing the Altar.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant then says

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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.

Psalm 22:24-30 *Remaining seated, the reading is said responsively*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
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 before 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 before 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 unborn *
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.

All stand as the Gospel is processed into the congregation, please turn and face the Gospel book.

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

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

The Rev. Michael Stephenson

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

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The Leader and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Intercessor Almighty God, who hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people, receive these our prayers which we humbly offer unto thy divine Majesty.

Intercessor Inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord;

People That all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Intercessor Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Poulson our Bishop;

People That they may set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, especially to this congregation here present;

People That we may hear and receive thy holy Word and Sacrament, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Intercessor We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our president, Kevin, our governor, Sheryl, our mayor, and the leaders in our surrounding towns and communities;

People That they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Intercessor Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works;

People That we may honor thee with our substance and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Intercessor And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People That they may be delivered from their distress and live the residue of their life in thy faith and fear.

Intercessor We pray in thanksgiving for our families, friends, and neighbors, [especially _____,] and for all thy blessings;

People That those we love may live in joy, peace, and health, serving Christ in one another and in thy whole creation.

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, [especially _____,] beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service;

People Grant us thy grace, so that we may follow the good examples of Philip and of all thy saints, that with them we also may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our only Mediator and Advocate.

A Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

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

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings and Announcements

Holy Eucharist

Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence from Scripture.

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

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer 2

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The people stand as they are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus 🛎🛎🛎

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 🛎🛎🛎

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." 🛎🛎🛎

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The Great Amen

People AMEN 

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

When approaching the altar, standing and 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.

The people stand or kneel as able

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The people stand as able

Blessing

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

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

*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
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