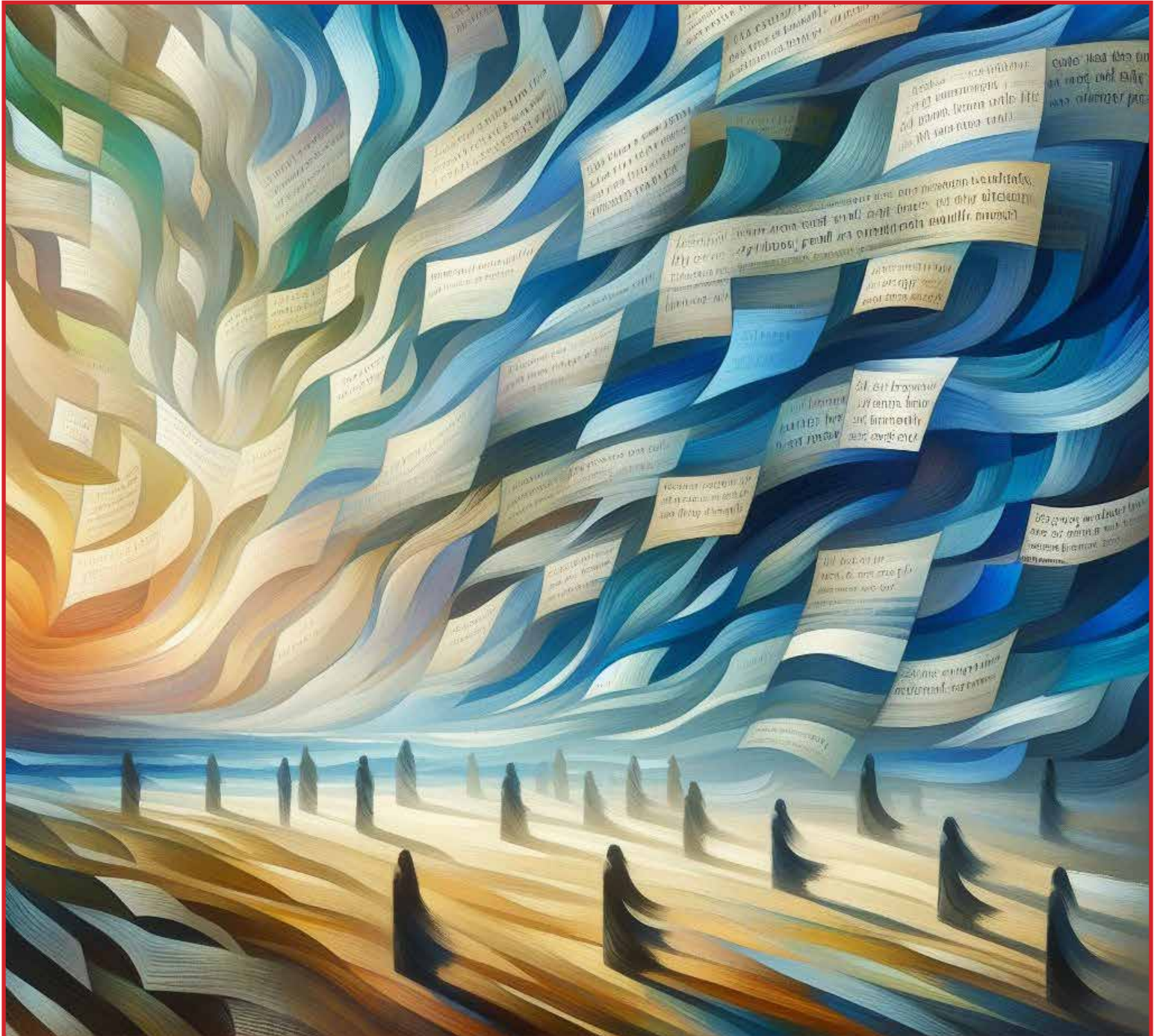




ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

radiates God's grace, equipping all people to change the world.



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 | 9:30am

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Welcome to St. Gregory's

We are truly thankful for your presence.

We're Here to Help

If you need anything, please ask the Greeter who handed you this bulletin.

Children & Parents

We are glad you are here.

On the left-hand side of the Altar is our **Children's Pray-ground**, a space made especially for kids, stocked with toys, books, and art supplies.

We expect kids will make noise. Don't sweat it. However, if your child — or you — need a break in a more quiet space, we have a **Cry Room** downstairs with a changing table.

Praying with Us

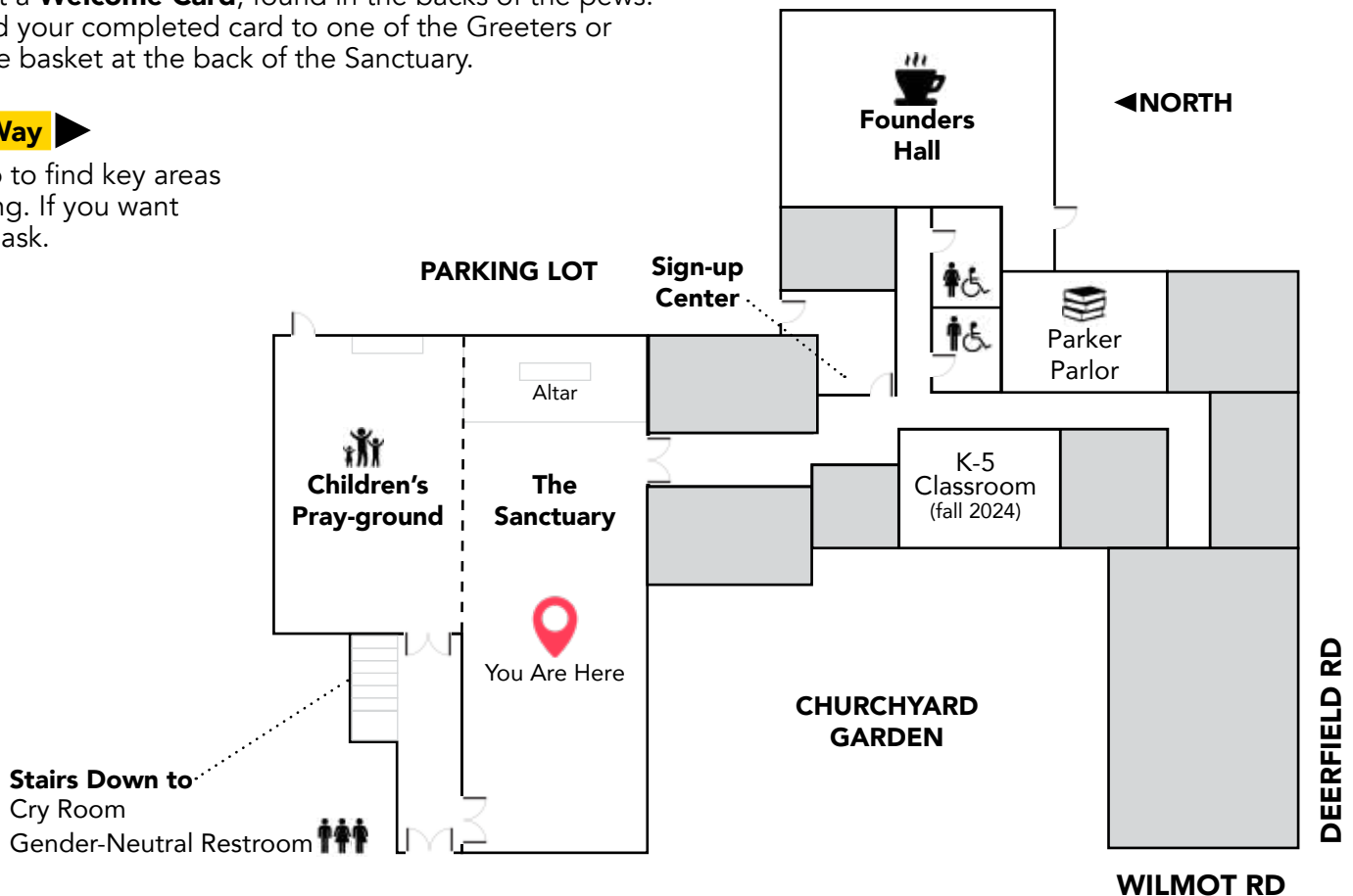
We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see (+), you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none of them is required.

Let's Get Connected

Please fill out a **Welcome Card**, found in the backs of the pews. You can hand your completed card to one of the Greeters or place it in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary.

Find Your Way

Use this map to find key areas in the building. If you want help, please ask.



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THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand, as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 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;
 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,
 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.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit cv - er bc.

PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!



SONG OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God; al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Wor-thy is Christ the_Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free__ to be peo-ple of God.

During the Easter season, the collects remind us of the joy of resurrection, and our continual salvation through God's amazing love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 people sit.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day. The first reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures, which tell us the story of God's love and faithfulness to God's people from the beginning of time to just before Christ.

FIRST READING

ACTS 8:26-40

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

PSALM 22

- 24 My praise is of God in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: "May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.
- 27 For sovereignty belongs to the Lord;
who rules over the nations.**
- 28 To the Lord alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before the Lord.
- 29 My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the Lord;
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 God has done.

The second reading is usually from one of the New Testament Epistles (or letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation. They teach us about the formation of the church and instruct us on how to live into our role as followers of Christ.

THE EPISTLE

1 JOHN 4:7-21

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The people stand, as they are able. Children are invited to join the procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Verse 1 sung before the gospel reading, verse 2 after.

Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -
 sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb. Riv - er of life, saints and arch -
 ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
 Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

During the Holy Eucharist, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel in the midst of the people to represent the Good News that Jesus has come among us, and we all turn toward it.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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

(+++) **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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.



The sermon is meant to help us make the Word of God a living and transforming reality of our lives today.

SERMON

The Rev. Max Smith, Deacon

For the Preacher Talkback session after church, fill in this matrix during the sermon. We will also provide time when the sermon is ended to add more responses.

Table with 3 columns: I liked these phrases, images, and ideas; I disagree with OR I am confused by these ideas; I am left wondering about these questions.

In the Nicene Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming the historic faith of the Church. We "believe" (from the Latin credere, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "We" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual. Also note that when it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" is defined as universal or inclusive.

NICENE CREED

The people stand, as they are able.

- 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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our diocese, and those connected to our congregation. This is the part of the liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contributions of each person present. We voice prayers from our parish prayer list, as well as requests from the onsite and online worshippers.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, on the first day of the week you began your labor to create this beautiful world. Enliven us to carry on your creative acts, piecing together what is fractured, and bringing blessing to all people and creatures. We offer prayers of joy and gratitude. Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. Hear our prayers. Alleluia!

O God, you are not a stranger to suffering but have borne our pain in Jesus Christ. Enliven us to bear the agonies of one another, piecing us back together through compassion and service. We offer prayers of intercession. Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. Hear our prayers. Alleluia!

O God, not even death can separate us from your love. Enliven us to act with boldness for the sake of your good news, confident in the hope of resurrection and the restoration of all creation from brokenness to wholeness. We offer prayers for the dead. Alleluia! We pray to you, O God. Hear our prayers. Alleluia!

The Presider offers the concluding collect.

O God who creates all things for your own delight, who redeems your people from slavery and injustice, who sustains us constantly with wisdom and courage: raise us to new life this day and every day, that we may radiate with your grace and transform the world in your Name; for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

THE PEACE

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

The congregation greets each other in the peace of Christ.

The people sit.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. You can use this QR code to give to StGs online.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, and in Thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be - that morn shall tearless be. O Love that will not let me go.

"O Love" text by George Matheson music by Elaine Hagenberg





The Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today. As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand, as they are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who dead, a - gain dost live;
to God the Fa - ther e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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 God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. Yet 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.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and (+) make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

A - MEN, A - MEN, A - MEN.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer that is in all capital letters. It emphasizes that we all join together in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and wine, in boldly affirming our desire to receive God. It is appropriate to sing this with enthusiasm!

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

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

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!

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist.

The Fraction recalls Jesus breaking the bread at the Last Supper to share with the disciples, and reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us to be shared with the world. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.



RECEIVING COMMUNION

Where To Go: Please join the line closest to you to receive Communion. When you get to the front, fill in along the rail, from left to right. You are welcome to stand or kneel.

Receiving: Hold out your hands to receive bread. Then indicate to the other ministers if you would like wine from the shared chalice or an individual cup. Used cups may be placed on the stand nearest you.

Gluten-free Option: Please ask for a gluten-free wafer from the priest when they come to you.

Non-alcoholic Option: Please ask for juice from the minister holding the tray of cups. You also have the option to take only the bread to receive Communion.

Not Receiving: If you will not be receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please join your line and cross your arms over your chest when you get to the front.

For those worshipping remotely, you may read the Prayer for Spiritual Communion: In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion articulates a hunger for unity with Jesus Christ when you cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer connects the one(s) praying with the reception of Holy Communion. Those worshipping online are invited to say this prayer as those onsite receive Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of life and
2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our chang - ing
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our mo - ments



our true light, we seek the peace your love im - parts,
on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain - head,
lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis - cern,
calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a - way,



and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.
our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.
blest, when our faith can hold you fast.
shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.



COMMUNION HYMN

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.



After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

The people stand, as they are able.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people stand, as they are able.

BLESSING

Live with courage:
Your Creator has made you holy,
has always walked with you,
and loves you back to life.
Go in boldness to proclaim the resurrection,
and the (+) love, mercy, and blessing of God
go before you always. **Amen.**

One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present blessing to God's people.



EXIT HYMN

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

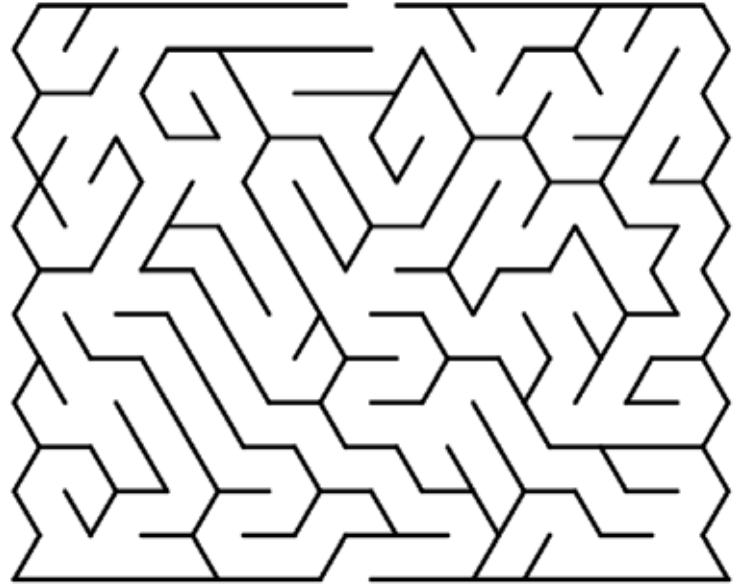
Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

The Priest or Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



R P O W M P N S I O N F J X Z
 S E O G A Z Y M H A P B K G X
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WORDS CLEAN FRUIT GARDENER PRUNES BRANCH REMAIN THROWN FIRE BEAR VINE WITHERS GLORY TRUE BURNED

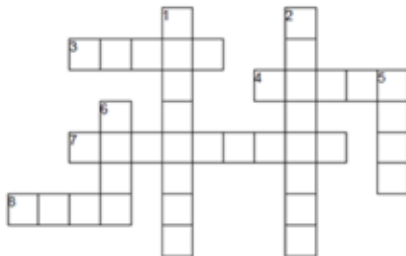


"I am the _____ vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 (NIV)

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 BNUR 3
 BAER 2
 FIER 4
 1 2 3 4

Put the letters in the numbered squares in the same numbered square at the bottom of the puzzle to reveal the final answer.



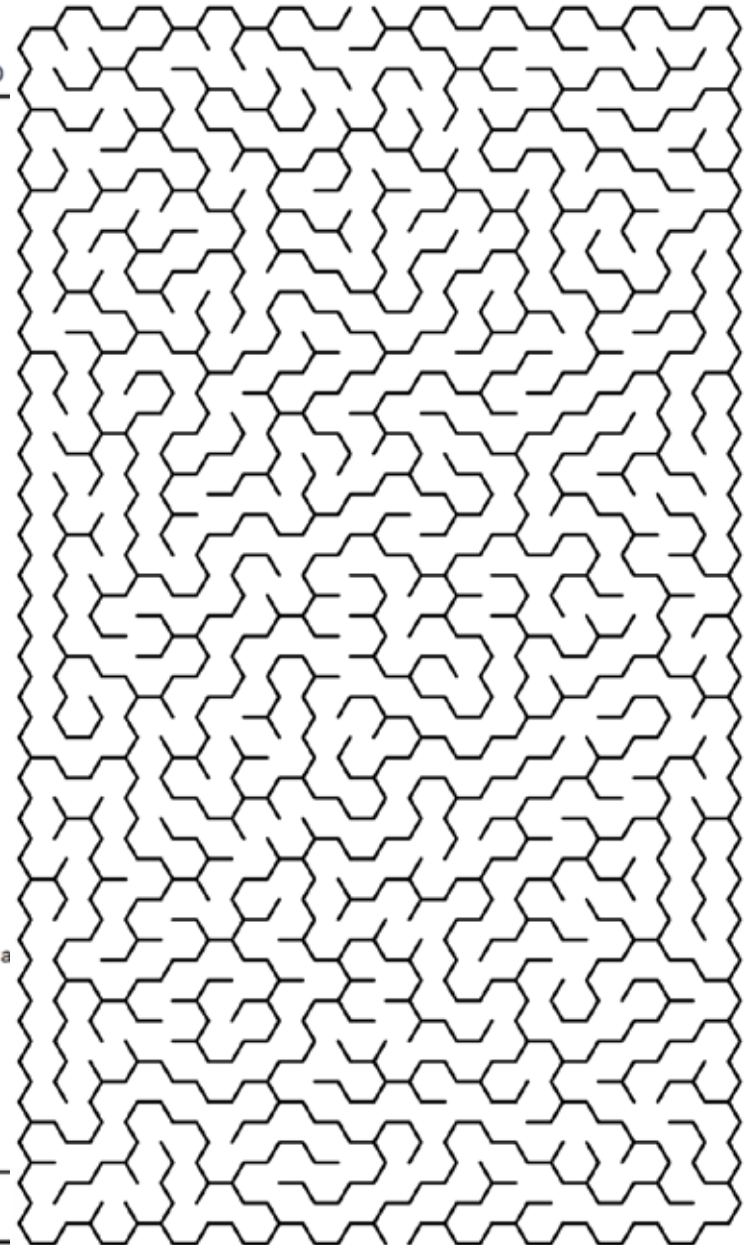
ACROSS

- 3. Praise or honor
- 4. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- 7. Those who follow Jesus
- 8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

DOWN

- 1. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- 2. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 5. The opposite of false
- 6. Burning flame

TRUE DISCIPLES FIRE GLORY GARDENER VINE FRUIT BRANCHES





COMING UP..

Housewarming Drive for Migrants

During the Easter season, we will be collecting household items for the Deerfield Free Store, which has become a critical resource as communities work together to resettle migrants and refugees in our area. Bring your items to church and drop them in the baskets under the Sign-Up Center! Two specific areas of need:

- **Consumables** (family-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent), and
- **Small Appliances** (new or pre-owned, clean, working, with all parts including power cords - includes hair dryers, curling irons, blenders, irons, handmixers, electric kettles, juicers, stainless steel stovetop pressure cookers).



THIS SATURDAY, MAY 4: Confirmation service with Bishop Paula!

On Saturday, May 4 all are invited to Trinity in Highland Park for an 11am Confirmation service with Bishop Paula Clark, with a reception to follow. Come support our confirmands!

May 19: Day of Pentecost

The next big feast day in our church year is the Day of Pentecost! Make sure you attend onsite or online for this extra special service, followed by a delicious coffee brunch! More details to come, but we promise: you won't want to miss it!



Community Meals: TODAY!

We have enough volunteers and bakers for Community Meals today, but our next turn to serve is Sunday, May 26th (the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend). Please plan to join us then as we continue to serve our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

? Barb Schaper: bschaper7@aol.com or (847)948-8989

Please join us for coffee and tea after the service!

Our next coffee brunch will be May 19 (the Day of Pentecost!). Until then, after every Sunday service we offer a simple coffee hour with coffee and tea available in Founders Hall. Check the Sign-Up Center for hosting opportunities in the summer months!

? Debbie at debbie.kinjo@gmail.com or Sharon at slgamer@comcast.net



Piecing it back together...

Resurrection is about what comes next. At this moment in our individual, religious, and civic lives, how do we let go of what is past and start putting together new possibilities for the future? Join us for this spiritual growth experience every Sunday through May 12. Participate in active listening of the sermon during the service, then stay after to go deeper with the preacher and others during coffee hour.

Rector Discernment Committee

Thank you to all who filled out applications to serve on the discernment committee to determine StGs next full-time Rector. The committee will be announced shortly, as well as next steps in this ongoing process.

