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The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024 | 9:30am www.StGsChurch.org

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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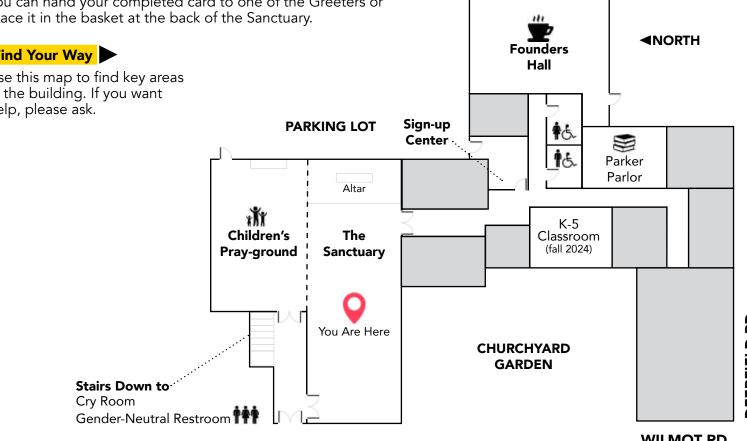
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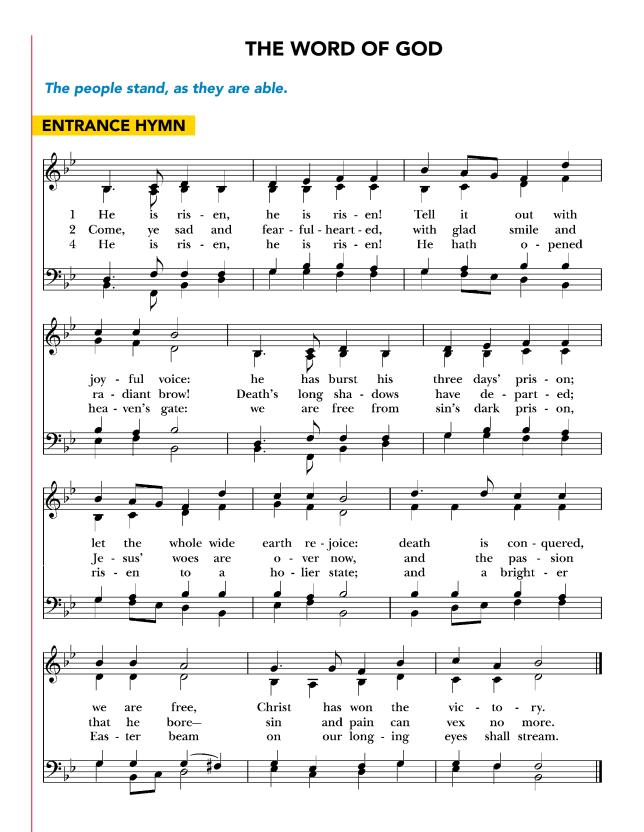


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PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

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



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.
- 2 The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord have secured the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known this victory and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.

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

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.



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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.

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 Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness 4 to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn 7 shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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.

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SEQUENCE HYMN



THE GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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.

During the Holy

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.



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

In the Nicene Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's SERMON

The Rev. Dan Puchalla, Priest-in-Charge

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.

I disagree with OR I am confused by these ideas:	I am left wondering about these questions:

NICENE CREED

The people stand, as they are able.

Word by affirming the historic faith of the We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Church. We "believe" of all that is, seen and unseen. (from the Latin credere, We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, literally "to put one's eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, heart into") because true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. we offer our trust in Through him all things were made. the story of God's creating, redeeming, For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: and remaining with the was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. world. "We" believe For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; because the church he suffered death and was buried. as a whole, the Body On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; of Christ, carries and he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. strengthens the faith of He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, each individual. Also note that when it is not and his kingdom will have no end. capitalized, the word We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, "catholic" is defined as who proceeds from the Father and the Son. universal or inclusive. 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.



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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.

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 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.

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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

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.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"If Ye Love Me" text from John 14:15-17 music by Peter Niedmann

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he will give you, he shall give you another Comforter; that he may 'bide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.



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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.



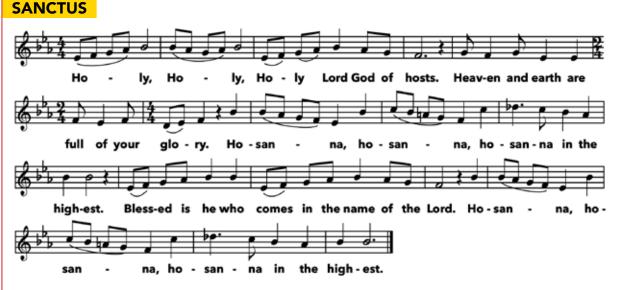
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

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.



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.



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!

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.



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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.

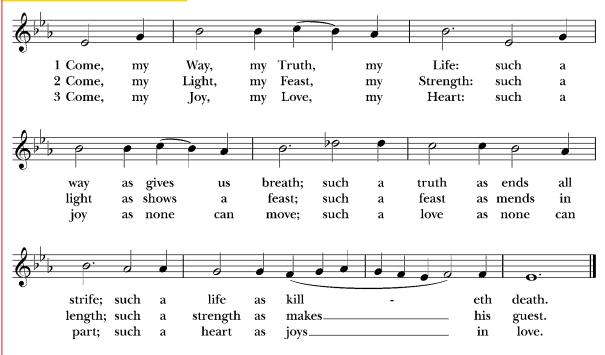
For those worshipping remotely, you may read the Prayer for Spiritual Communion: In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your 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.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"If Ye Love Me" music by Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter; that he may 'bide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.

COMMUNION HYMN



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.



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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

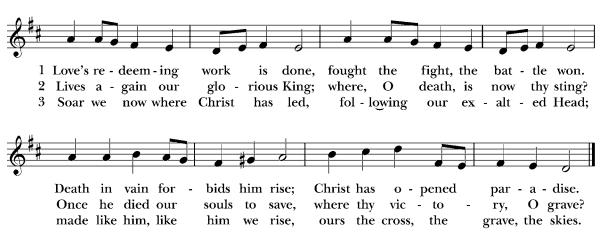
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BLESSING

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

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. 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.

EXIT HYMN

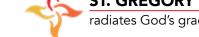


The Priest or Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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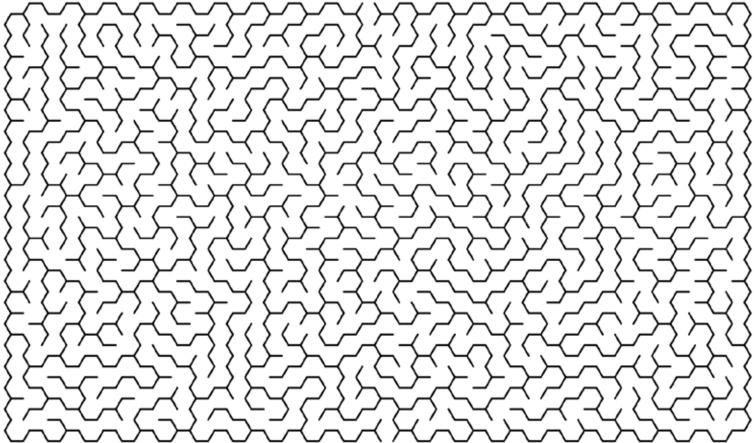
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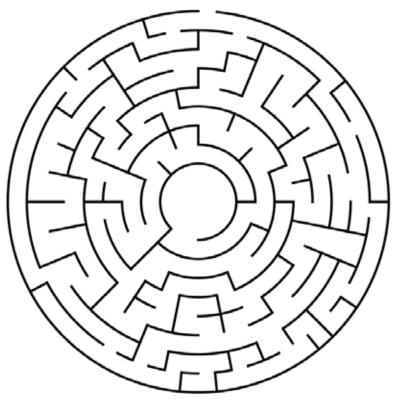
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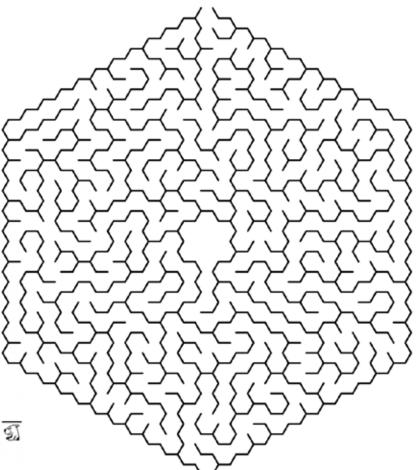
- 4. A state of happiness or delight
- 6. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
- 7. Someone that performs duties for a master
- 8. A person that you like very much



- 1. One who has authority over another person
- 2. An order which a person is expected to obey
- 3. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
- 5. To do what you are told; follow the rules

love	command	friend	joy
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What did Jesus command us to do? Use this code to find the answer.





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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).





Rector Discernment Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who applied to participate on the Rector Discernment Committee! At its April 22nd meeting, the vestry and wardens reviewed all applications for Rector Discernment Committee (RDC) membership. Committee members were selected to ensure the broadest possible representation of our parish. Warden Sarah Kettlewell will serve as executive sponsor for the committee. The following individuals have been selected and agreed to serve:

Jon Dutcher - Vestry member and co-chair LoriLee Bielski - Vestry member and co-chair Cyndi Millspaugh Bill Foltz Megan Agyeman Abby Kettlewell

The Discernment committee will meet in May to kickoff our efforts and after that meeting will provide a high-level timeline of our work, including key points for parish engagement and input. Going forward, we'll provide frequent updates, so watch this space for RDC news.



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ALSO COMING UP...



May 19: Day of Pentecost

Don't miss Pentecost, our last big feast day before the summer. We're trying out a completely new vibe for this fiery feast day – but still with our trademark beautiful music, artistic flare, and deep meaning. Plus, there will be lots of delicious food afterward, because...

Our coffee brunch on the Day of Pentecost will be a **multicultural potluck**! Please sign up to bring a dish to share that represents **your** family's heritage – whether it's Okinawan fried rice, German potato salad, or the empanada recipe passed down from your great-great-great-grandma! It will be a delightful smorgasbord celebrating all the places from which we come. Add your name to the clipboard in the Sign-Up Center! 🚱 Debbie at debbie.kinjo@gmail.com or Sharon at slgramer@comcast.net

But wait, there's more!

Part of our special liturgy at the Day of Pentecost will involve members of our worshipping community saying the Lord's Prayer in different languages! If you speak another language (even if you're not fluent!) and are able to attend the service onsite, please contact Kathryn. All ages and family groups welcome too! Kathryn at kathryn@stgregoryschurch.org



Youth: Be Heard!

All youth who will be in 6th through 12th grade next school year are invited and encouraged to come to a forum especially for them to generate ideas for a new Youth Group. What kinds of fun do we want to have together? What are your favorite games and activities? What outings might we do together? What topics do you want to learn and talk more about? Be part of creating your future at this forum on Sunday, June 2, right after church. We will provide lunch. Parents: please RSVP via the QR code at right.



Save the Date: Town Hall on Children & Youth

We will hold a special Town Hall on Sunday, June 23 after church, where the Children & Youth Taskforce will be unveiling our new programming for the fall. Everyone, not just parents, are encouraged to attend, so that we can support these important ministries as a whole community. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. This will also be a Coffee Brunch Sunday, so there will be plenty of lovely food to enjoy!

Community Meals - thank you!

This last Sunday, volunteers including Lorraine Cummings; Jen Crone; Catherine, Anne, and Matthew Regalado; Cissy Singleton; Janet and Bill Foltz; and Matthew and Barb Schaper prepared hot food for our food insecure neighbors in Waukegan. Thank you to our bakers Cissy Singleton and Kim Baer! Our next turn to serve is Sunday, May 26th - put it on your calendar now! Sign up via the clipboard in the Sign-Up Center. 🕜 Barb: 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), but 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!

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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.

