



Worshiping Jesus Christ, Living in His Truth, & Blessing others in His Name.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024
Liturgy of the Word & Communion
from Reserved Sacrament – 9:30 a.m.

Today, Deacon Dolores will officiate in Fr John's absence at a service of the Liturgy of the Word & Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. This rite is identical to our usual Holy Communion rite except for the omission of the Absolution, the Eucharistic Prayer of Consecration, & final Blessing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"

Tune: Darwall ("Rejoice, the Lord is King")

1. Come sing, O church, in joy / Come join, O church, in song / For Christ the Lord has led us / Through the ages long

Refrain: In bold accord / Come celebrate the journey now / And praise the Lord

2. Long years have come and gone / And still God reigns supreme / Empowering us to catch the vision / Dream the dream (Refrain)

3. Let courage be our friend / Let wisdom be our guide / As we in mission / Magnify the Crucified (Refrain)

4. Come sing O church in joy / Come join O church in song / For Christ the Lord has triumphed / Over the ages long (Refrain)

OPENING ACCLAMATION: FOR EASTERTIDE

Book of Common Prayer p. 123 / Worship Guide p. A

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WELCOME

Deacon Dolores Vargas

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Then follows the Summary of the Law,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 22:37-40^T

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and people pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE TRISAGION

or this

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

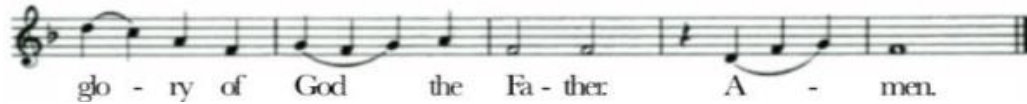
Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King al - might - y 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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant 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 glory; 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.

People **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Celebrant It is time to dismiss the children to Sunday School and to our Lord's invitation, "Let the children come unto me."

People **For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.** LUKE 18:16

*One parent or guardian of a participating child please take your child to meet today's
Sunday School teachers in the back of the Church.*

THE FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

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²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" [³⁷] ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1-8

The New Coverdale Psalter - BCP 2019

- ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing praises to the honor of his Name;
make his praise to be glorious.
- ² **Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; *
through the greatness of your power
shall your enemies cower before you.**
- ³ For all the world shall worship you, *
sing to you, and praise your Name."
- ⁴ **O come and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**
- ⁵ He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot; *
therefore in him let us rejoice.
- ⁶ **He rules with his power for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**
- ⁷ Bless our God, you peoples, *
and make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- ⁸ **Who holds our soul in life, *
and does not allow our feet to slip.**

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

New International Version

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Hymnal 178

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord / Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth / He is the King of creation Refrain

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth / Jesus has died and has risen Refrain

3. We have been crucified with Christ / Now we shall live forever Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

New International Version

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN (Continued)

4. Come let us praise the living God / Joyfully sing to our Savior Refrain

THE NICENE CREED

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, visible and invisible.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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],[†]
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.

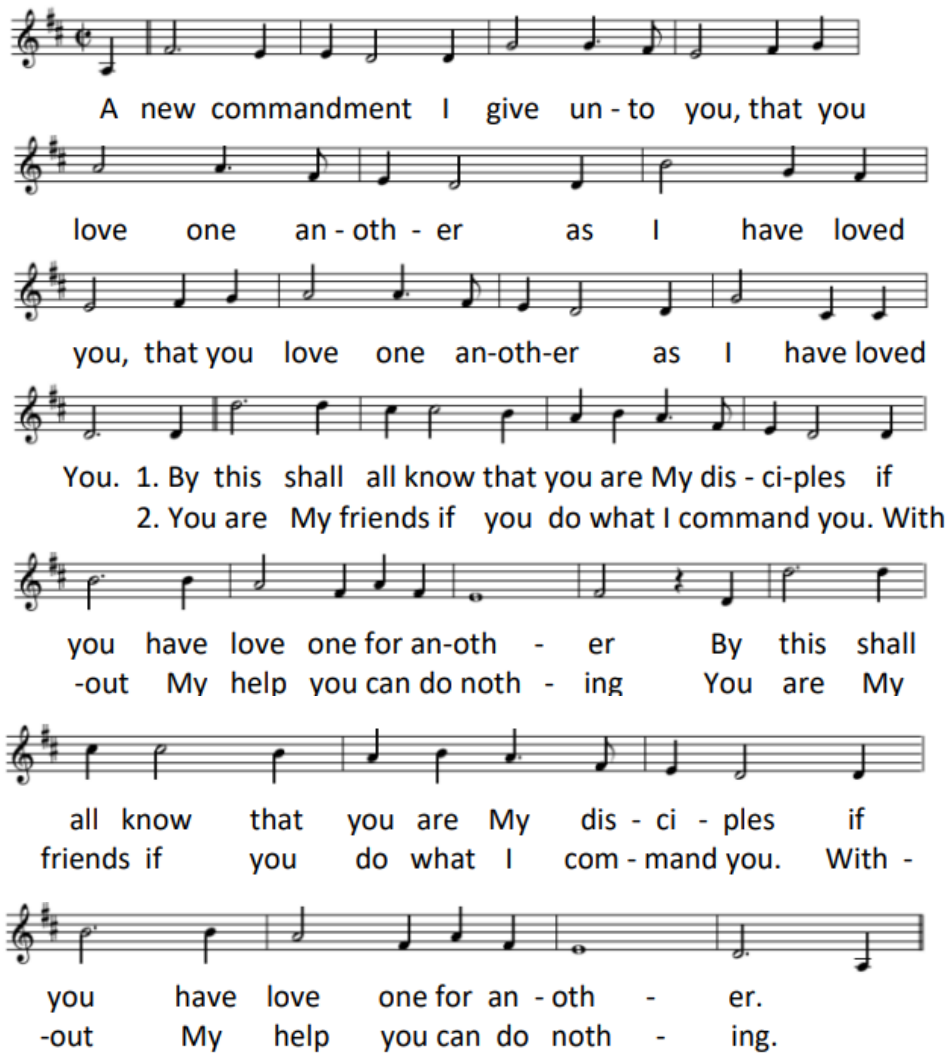
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

Deacon Dolores Vargas

RESPONSE HYMN: "A New Commandment"



A new commandment I give un - to you, that you
love one an - oth - er as I have loved
you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved
You. 1. By this shall all know that you are My dis - ci - ples if
2. You are My friends if you do what I command you. With
you have love one for an-oth - er By this shall
-out My help you can do noth - ing You are My
all know that you are My dis - ci - ples if
friends if you do what I com - mand you. With -
you have love one for an - oth - er.
-out My help you can do noth - ing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying, "hear our prayer."
For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For N., our Archbishop, and N., our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially _____].

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially _____], in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

[Anglican cycle of prayer]

Additional petitions may be added, and thanksgivings may be invited, at this time either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Following the confession, the prayer that is appointed for a Deacon to say after confession will be said (from *BCP* p. 13), instead of the Absolution.

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

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

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16^T

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People may greet those gathered in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture (BCP 149-151).

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OFFERTORY HYMN: "There's a Spirit In The Air"



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| 1. There's a spir - it in the air, | Tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery-where: |
| 2. Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue, | Tell the world what God has done: |
| 3. When be - liev - ers break the bread, | When a hun - gry child is fed, |
| 4. Still the Spir - it gives us light, | See - ing wrong and set - ting right: |



“Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, Liv - ing, work - ing in our world.”
God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day!
Praise the love that Christ re-vealed, Liv - ing, work - ing in our world.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day!

4. Still the Spirit gives us light, / Seeing wrong and setting right: / God in Christ has come to stay. / Live tomorrow's life today!

6. May the Spirit fill our praise, / guide our thoughts and change our ways. / God in Christ has come to stay. / Live tomorrow's life today!

7. There's a spirit in the air, / Calling people ev'rywhere: / Praise the love that Christ revealed, / living, working in our world!

THE DOXOLOGY

Then, the people stand and may sing the doxology as follows

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.

THE SURSUM CORDA^

Today we will be administering Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, consecrated on a previous Sunday by the priest. After the Sanctus, the Prayer of Consecration will be omitted and we will proceed directly to the Lord's Prayer.

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with your spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up 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 continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People will sing

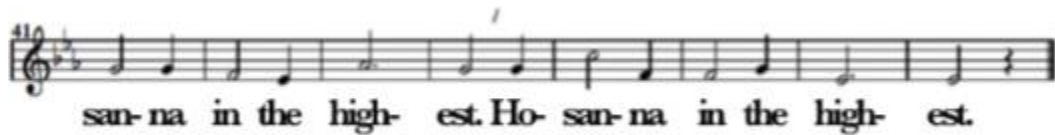
Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord. God of power and might.

Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord. God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Ho-

san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho-



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction is omitted.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

**We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here



Je-sus, bear-er of our sins have mer-cy on us

Je-sus, re-deem-er; re-deem-er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29^T, REVELATION 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds...

Who Can Receive Holy Communion?

All persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are repentant of their sins, and are living in charity with their neighbor are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this altar. We welcome all others to come to the altar and receive of prayer of blessing. Please signify you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest at the rail.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you save all
 3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing Bread, and long to

life, the light of all, from full - est bliss that
 those who on you call. To those who seek you,
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the

earth im - parts we turn un - filled to hear your call.
 you are good; to those who find you, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for you
where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when you smile on us anew,
blest that our faith can hold you fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright!
Chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world your holy light!

"We Bring God's Holy Love"

1. We bring God's gift of love to the world (x2) / To fulfill the command / that we walk now hand in hand / We_ bring God's ho-ly love.
2. We bring God's gift of truth to the world (x2) / Every evil to crush / from this world God made for us / We_ bring God's ho-ly truth.
3. We bring God's gift of joy to the world (x2) / That the kingdom may come / and God's will be ever done / We_ bring God's ho-ly joy.
4. We bring God's gift of hope to the world (x2) / To befriend the distressed / and delivered the oppressed / We_ bring God's ho-ly hope.
5. We bring God's gift of peace to the world (x2) / Our good works to extend / so all wars forever end / We_ bring God's ho-ly peace.

"Day By Day"

Tune: Blott En Dag

1. Day by day and with each passing moment / Strength I find to meet my trials here / Trusting in my Father' wise bestowment / I've no cause for worry or for fear / He whose heart is kind beyond all measure / Gives unto each day what he deems best / Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure / Mingling toil with pea-ce a-nd rest.
2. Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me / With a special mercy for each house / All my cares he gladly bears and cheers me / He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r / The Protection of his child and treasure / Is a charge that on himself he laid / "As your days, your strength shall be in measure" / This the pledge to m-e h-e made.
3. Help me then in ev'ry tribulation / So to trust your promises, O Lord / That I lose not faith's sweet consolation / Offered me within your holy Word / Help me, Lord, when, toil and trouble meeting / E'er to take, as from a father's hand / One by one, the days, the moments fleeting / Till I reach the pro-m-i-sed land.

"Give Me Jesus"

1. In the morning when I rise / In the morning when I rise / Give me Jesus

Chorus: Give me Jesus / Give me Jesus / You can have all this world / ...Give me Jesus

2. When I am alone / When I am alone / Oh when I am alone / Give me Jesus
3. When I come to die / When I come to die / Oh when I come to die / Give me Jesus

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following, or the Post Communion prayer in the Anglican Standard Text

Heavenly Father,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious body and blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
 And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The blessing is omitted when a priest or bishop is not celebrating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Saint Matthias News

Join us for Fellowship Hour today in the Parish Hall following worship.



Men of the Church, any of you who would like to participate in honoring our women with a Fellowship Hour on Mother's Day (on May 12) are invited to a short organization meeting in the back of the nave following worship today, led by Larry Johnson.



There are still registration spots available for your friends, family and neighborhood kids to sign up for our July 30-Aug 1 St Matthias VBS program. The program will run for 3 days from 9am to 12pm each day. **Registration can be done through the church website until this Tuesday.** Cp Eva and Traci are also continuing to gather the names of those who would like to volunteer. Please let them know if you are available or if you have any questions about this year's program.



St Matthias WILL field a softball team again this summer. The 2024 Oakdale Church Co-Ed Softball League has been set for the nine Fridays of July 12 through September 6 and we hope to be able to field a team for the third season in a row! Visit www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/softball or sign up in the Narthex to let us know you want to play! We'll begin accepting registration fees, jersey purchase orders, and hat orders (optional & new this year) in a few weeks



This Week at Saint Matthias

- Today - Fellowship Hour + Men's Mother's Day
Planning Meeting - after worship
- Monday - No Kairos Group – resumes 5/6
- Wednesday - No Life Groups - resumes 5/8
- Thursday - No Life Groups - resumes 5/9
NO FIGS Distribution; next distr on 5/16
- Next Sunday - ACW Meeting - 11:30am

...AND BEYOND

- May25-June5 - Dcn Dolores' trip to Uganda & Rwanda
- Sunday, July 21 - Honored Man-of-the-Year celebration
- July 30 - August 1 - Vacation Bible School
- Fridays, July 12 - Sep 6 - Softball games 6:00-8:30pm
- Saturday, Sept 21 - English Tea

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

Their Birthday: Dolores V. (28) Kristin G. (29) Mark W. (1) Rhys B. (4)

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Tune: "Day of Resurrection"

1. O Jesus, I have promised / to serve Thee to the end; / be Thou forever near me, / my Master and my Friend; / I shall not fear the battle / if Thou art by my side, / nor wander from the pathway / if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. O let me feel Thee near me, / the world is ever near; / I see the sights that dazzle, / the tempting sounds I hear; / my foes are ever near me, / around me and within; / but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, / and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear Thee speaking / in accents clear and still, / above the storms of passion, / the murmurs of self-will; / O speak to reassure me, / to hasten or control! / O speak, and make me listen, / Thou Guardian of my soul!

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised / to all who follow Thee / that where Thou art in glory / there shall Thy servant be; / and, Jesus, I have promised / to serve Thee to the end; / O give me grace to follow, / my Master and my Friend!

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words, omitting Alleluia during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Musical Settings are modified from the 1982 Hymnal. The Gloria in Excelsis (S-280) by Robert Powell, the Doxology (380, v.3) by Isaac Watts, the Sursum Corda (S-120) by James McGregor, the Sanctus (S-130) and the Agnus Dei (S-164) by Franz Peter Schubert.

“Renewed Ancient Text”

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