



Grace Episcopal Church  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 6, 2025  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
10:30 a.m.



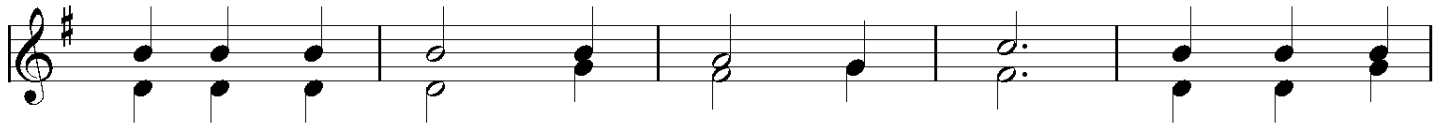
PRELUDE

*Toccata, and Versets for the Kyrie – G. Frescobaldi*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #552 *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Fight the good fight*



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine  
\*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less  
\*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth



strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and  
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing  
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

323 OPENING SENTENCES

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;  
*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

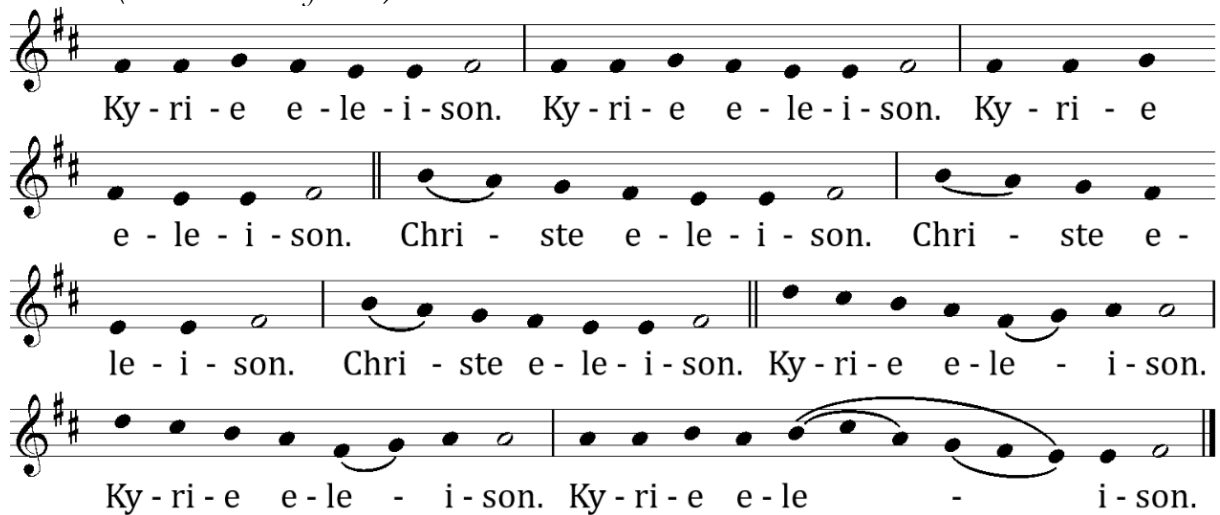
*The Celebrant says*

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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**KYRIE #S86** (In the Blue Hymnal)



**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

- The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126** (*responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup> **Those who go out weeping,  
carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

*Lector* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

- The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

## THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

-- The Gospel of the Lord *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

## SEQUENCE HYMN #383 (v. 3) (In the Blue Hymnal)

Fairest Lord Jesus

## HOMILY

The Reverend Edward Kelaher

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.

## 328 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant 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.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other Ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Samuel and Jennifer our bishops, and Ed our priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.                      Lord in Your mercy                      **Hear our prayer**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in Your mercy                      **Hear our prayer**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Josh our Governor, and Jason our mayor and John and Tommy our Councilmen, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.                      Lord in Your mercy                      **Hear our prayer**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.                      Lord in Your mercy                      **Hear our prayer**

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

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, **Josey** Parker, and **Ashley & Cody** Strahm,

and those with special needs:

**Carol** Sills, **Lori** Parks, **Angel** Mott, **Becky Jo** Davis, **Jeannie** Belk, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Ella** Asebes, **Paul** Batson, **Louise** Billings, **Sissy** Bolstad, **Mike** Bralkowski, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Susan** Branscomb, **Lynne** Broch, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Seraphina** Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Joan** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Roy** Deese, **Susan** Dixon, **Kim** Dube, **Renee** Ewbank, **Jenny** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **James** Giles, **Angie** Gowen, **Earnest** Graham, **Jane** Grimes, **Jim** Hackney, **George** Hanna, **Carol** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Brittany** Hudson, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Vickie & Mike** Johnson, **Andrew** Jones, **David** Jones, **Brian** Kent, **Cara** Lee, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Debbie** Mason, **Kate** McKenzie, **Charles** McNeair, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **Howard** Palmer, **Walker** Peoples, **Gabby** Plott, **Ellen** Rickert, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Melissa** Routh, **Christine** Ryals, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Lynn** Santolla, **Suzy** Sheets, **Elizabeth** Shuman, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Morgan** Simmons, **Clyde** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Sharon** Smith, **Sean** Sullivan, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Sandy** Wallace, **Flynn** Williams, **Paul** Wylie, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?”      Lord in Your mercy      **Hear our prayer**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### 331 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Let us humbly confess our sins until Almighty God.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

332 THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy – H. L. Hassler*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *The offering is brought forward as the hymn is played.*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY #705 (V. 3) *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*With gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love  
with all humanity.  
O thou who gavest us thyself  
in Jesus Christ thy Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.*

333 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer I)*

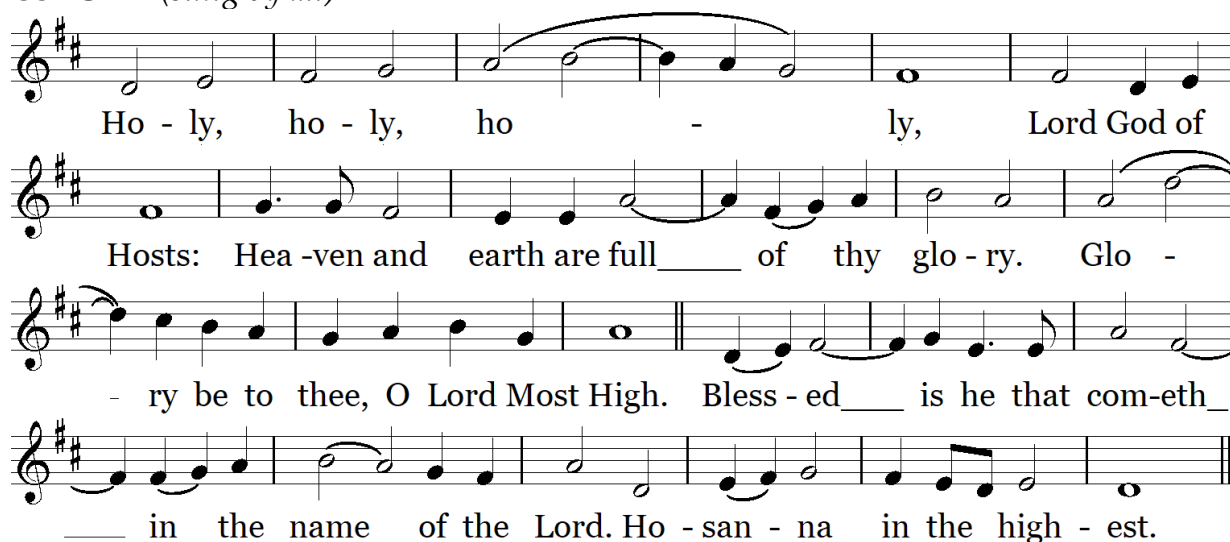
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

# SANCTUS #S114 (sung by all)



*The People may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.



And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

336 <b>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.</b>	<b>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.</b>
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#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM #S158** *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

#### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

338 INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine. Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally. If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

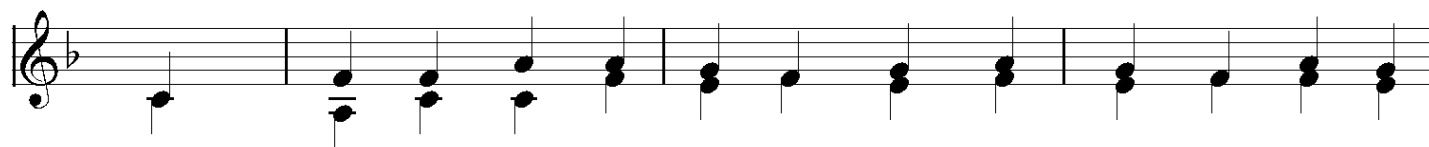
*During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

339 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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 BLESSING

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from your path and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory: and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



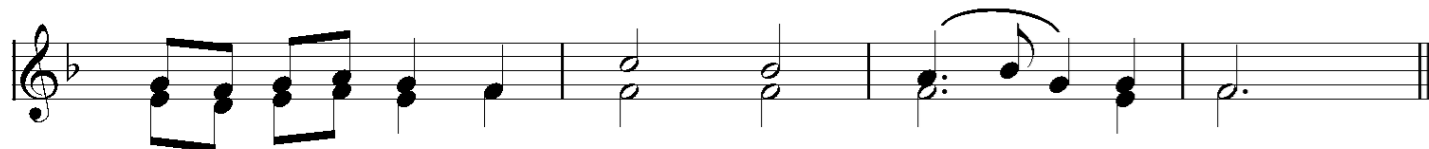
1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the  
 6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial



1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and  
 6 ball, to him all ma - je - sty a - scribe, and



1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies  
 6 crown him Lord of all! to him a -



1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!  
 6 scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in D Major - S. P. Taylor*

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Lector:</b> Mary Matthews	<b>Greeter:</b> Donna Wiederhold
<b>Intercessor:</b> Kristi Allred	<b>Acolytes:</b> Hadley Briggs
<b>Ushers:</b> Richard Wolfe, Joe Wallace	Tanner Sheets
<b>LEM:</b> Miles Cleckley, Tommy Black	Tucker Sheets

### WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the Parish Hall (in the adjacent building) for refreshments and conversation. **Today our host is the Parish Life Commission.**

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. However, we also offer a nursery in our Parish Hall (adjacent building). Children will be walked up to the sanctuary during The Peace.

The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

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John Taylor, Facilities Manager  
Joan Clodfelter, Minister of Music Emerita

### THE VESTRY

2026

Karl Bolstad  
Bright Carter  
Sally Dodd  
Henry Duquette Junior Warden

2027

Dan Briggs  
Elizabeth Purdy  
Mary Matthews Clerk of Vestry  
Leslie Sheets Senior Warden

2028

Kristi Allred  
Lynn Meeks Treasurer  
Neil Shepherd  
Chuck Taylor

Vestry Person of the Month for April is Kristi Allred.