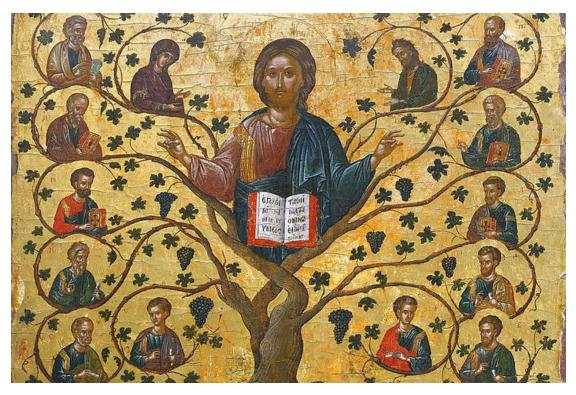


Fifth Sunday of EASTER

April 28, 2024 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



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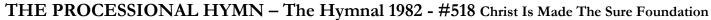
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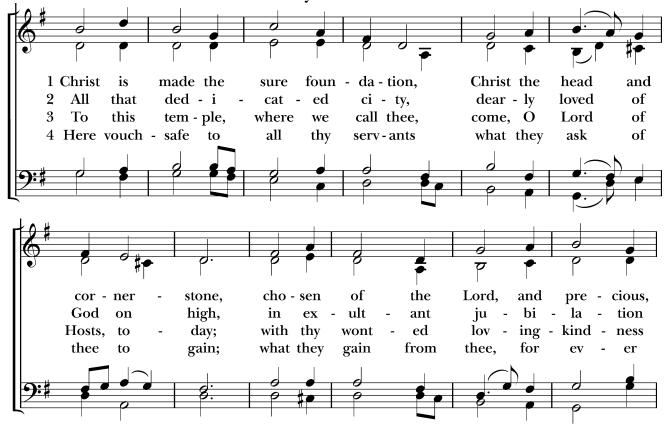
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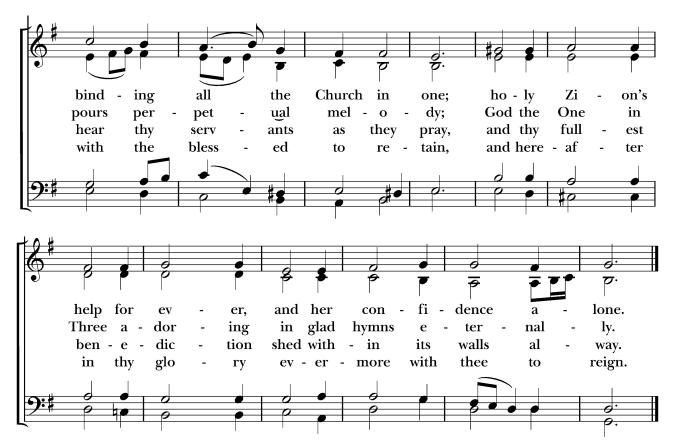
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During the week, please pray for those whom Christ's healing power has been requested: Susie Shaffer-Bartley, Roger Rihm, Anne Westcott, Ken and Lorraine White, Misih Azizi, Avery Carrington, Tom and Elizabeth Haller, Oswald Howard, Carol Shepard-Santilli, Todd Shepard, Manuel Mercado, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Barbara Thrall, Barbara Garriga, Beverly Rourke, Laura Fellows, Puis Guevara, Jr and family, Cecily Perez, Tom and Dianne Wilson, Jim M., The Rau family, Anne, Louie, Charlotte Carrington, Joan Robinson, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, Karen, Lucy, Rob and Bob Soderstrom, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Stanley and BJ Jackson, Eleanor Parke, Blaise and her family.

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY- "Where'er You Walk" - G.F. Handel Trumpet- Gary Hart







Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 SONG OF PRAISE - The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #S236 Canticle 13, A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine*





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 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

Psalm 22:24-30

Please join the Choir in chanting the Psalm.



- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 - I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

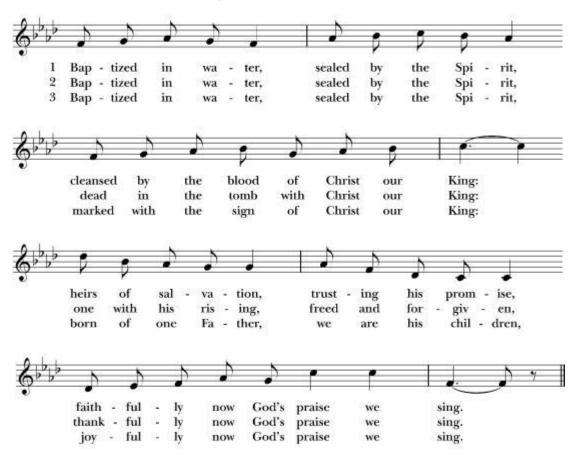
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, 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 SEQUENCE HYMN - The Hymnal 1982 - #294 Baptized In Water



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THE HOLY 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 vine grower. 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 SERMON

The Reverend Bernard Poppe

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

We remember and pray for those we name aloud or in silence now. And we pray for all our Dearly Departed, in the History of Christ Church Cathedral, who died the week of April 28^{th:} Harold Frederick Waldo, David Bailey, Elizabeth L. Ramage, William C. Hill, Columbus C. Derose, The Reverend Jack Baker, Norman Vernadakis, Naomi Witte and Helen Lines. Bless those whose lives have been cut short by gun violence.

We pray this weekend, dear Lord, in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for Trinity Church in Lenox, MA, The Social Justice Commission, and all Church School Teachers and Christian Educators.

We pray, dear Lord, that peace may be restored in the Middle East, in the Ukraine, in the Holy Land, and in all the places where we are in conflict with one another. We give you thanks, dear Lord, for those who celebrate their birthdays this coming week, especially Michael Stevens, Karen Authier, Edwin Velez and Javier Flores.

We give thanks for the flowers on the altar today, given in the glory of God in loving memory of Father William Dwyer and his sister, Nancy Dwyer.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you

in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

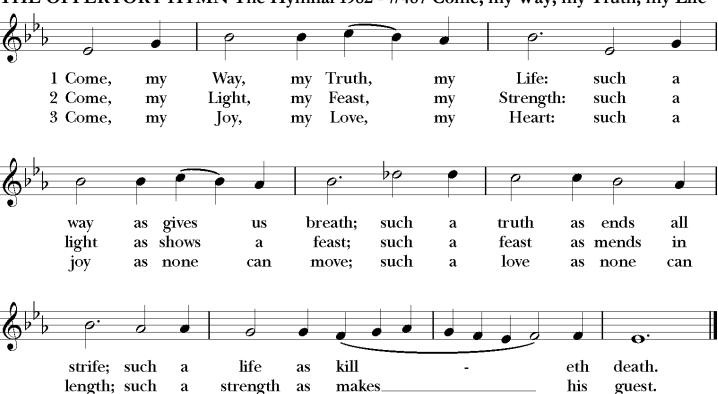
All And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code in the back of bulletin.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM- "Awake Thou Wintry Earth" - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN The Hymnal 1982 - #487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life



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Celebrant The Lord be with you.All And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

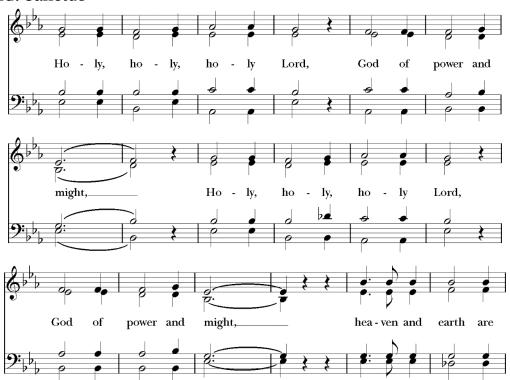
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #\$130 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*





Celebrant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

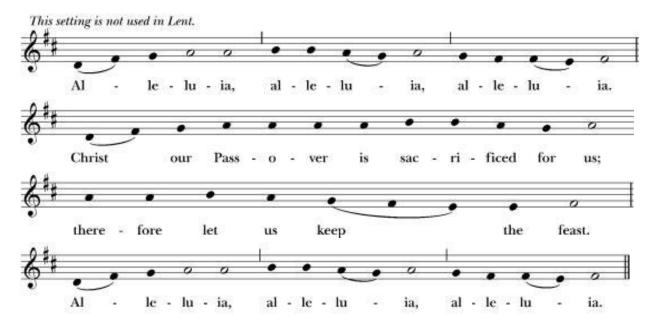
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

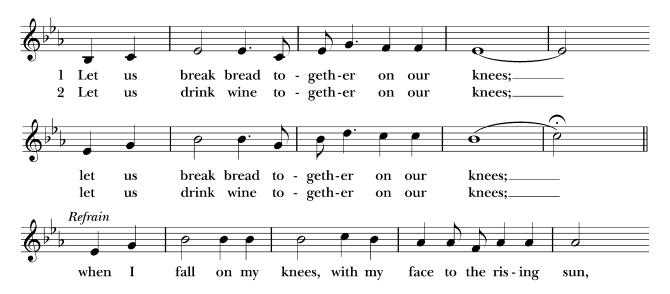
THE FRACTION ANTHEM The Hymnal 1982 - #S154- Christ Our Passover

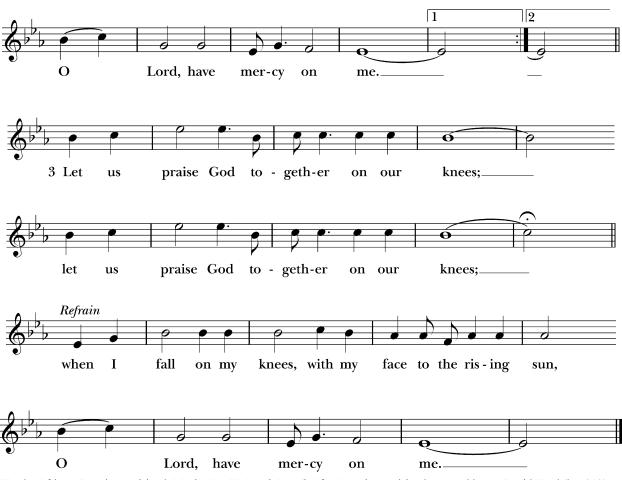


Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM- "As Newborn Stars Were Stirred To Song" - WLP 788

THE COMMUNION HYMN – The Hymnal 1982 #325 Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees





Words: African-American spiritual. Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and ever living God, 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.

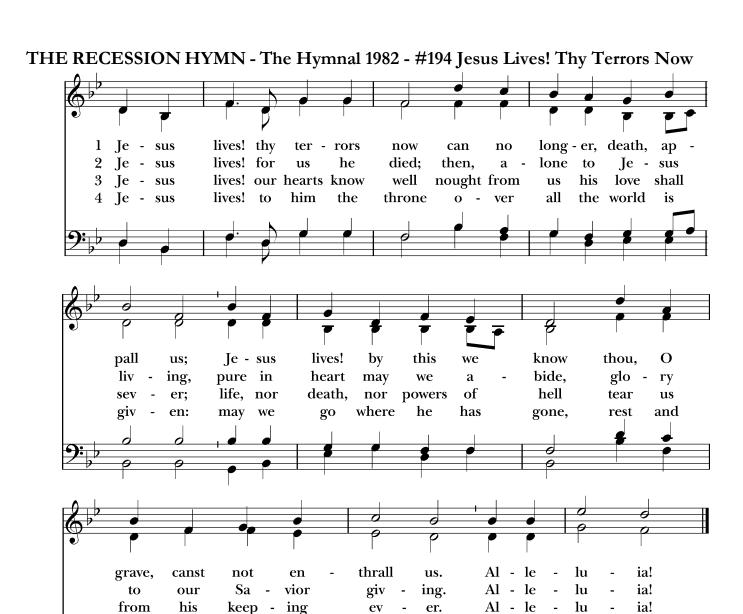
And now, Father, send us out

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 for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING



Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: St. Albinus, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

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Deacon Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY – "Voluntary No. 1" – William Boyce

Trumpet- Gary Hart

Cathedral's

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

Murder Mystery 4 PM - 8PM May 18

May 19 Pentecost Bilingual Service followed by a Potluck 11:00 AM

RUMMAGE SALE 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

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JUNE 09 RUMMAGE SALE 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

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Participants in today's service

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Preacher The Reverend Bernard Poppe
Deacon The Reverend Kate Derose

Guest Organist Colleen Harris Trumpeter Gary Hart

Lectors Peter Pappas and Richard DeCusati

Intercessor Richard Baker

Altar Guild 8A Lee Kirk

Altar Guild 10A Sarah Betsher and Oswald Howard

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Eucharistic Ministers 10A Rajendra Lalak, Mark Betsher and Megan Gallagher

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-Luke 12