

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter: *May 10th, 2020*

The health and safety of our congregation and community is the highest concern of St. John's. Consequently, we have heeded the recommendations of our Bishops, the Standing Committee, and our government to suspend public events, to aid in the mitigation of the coronavirus in our state. We are "live streaming" our 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship on the St. John's Facebook page, at

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchWashingtonCT/>.

Our church buildings are closed.

*The Parish Office is closed.
The Parish Administrator is working mostly from home, as directed.
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Liturgy notes:

EASTER: Liturgical practices at St. John's have changed during the Season of Easter in a variety of ways, to reflect the theme of renewal of life and the focus on Christ's resurrection. For instance, the opening acclamation is different, *viz.* "*Alleluia, Christ is risen . . .*"

Moreover at St. John's, we are using Rite II throughout the season, with its shift of focus away from Christ's death and sacrifice onto the larger history of the salvation story. The High Altar has been moved out, with the celebrant facing the people, as symbolic of God's immanent presence among us as we consecrate the bread and wine at Eucharist

We return to using the Prayers of the People written by Bishop Wolf, which change weekly to reflect the lessons of the day. The priest dresses more celebratory, wearing cassock/ alb, stole, and chasuble, and again chants the Sursum Corda and Preface.

On Easter Sunday, the Priest chanted the Gospel and the congregation renewed their Baptismal Vows *in lieu* of the Nicene Creed. Incense may be used. 'Christ our Passover' has become our seasonal Fraction Anthem. The silver vessels on the Altar have replaced the simpler ceramic Chalice and Paten used during Lent, and the brass candlesticks have returned to their places. Sanctus bells will be continued, and flowers will appear at the High Altar again. And until the day when our parishioners can again all come to the church physically to worship as one, the basket of blessed Palms, will be visible in the live streaming of our Services as a prophetic symbol of that day, yet to come.

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Order of Worship

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted

A prayer to be quietly prayed by all before the Service begins:

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship

PRELUDE

*Voluntary in e minor
Intermezzo
Meditation*

John James (died c. 1745)
Christopher Morris (1922-2014)
Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

THE OPENING HYMN

Come away to the skies

HYMNAL 213

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —
3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —
4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

HYMNAL 178

Descant

Refrain

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

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

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

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER BCP, p. 225

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

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 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 WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [Acts 7:55-60]

A deacon of the church, Stephen, preaches salvation history before the high priest and the council, culminating in a vision of Jesus standing at God's right hand. Those gathered are so provoked by this testimony that, enraged, they drag him from the city and stone him to death. Those stoning Stephen lay their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul, who will later become the apostle Paul. Stephen prays to God to forgive those putting him to death, as did Jesus from the cross.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The choir chants the psalm.

PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

BCP 622

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER [2:2-10]

This reading presents a series of images from the Old testament, describing Christians as a chosen people called by God to God's service. It is possible that the passage was once used during an Easter season baptismal liturgy. Newborn disciples are to purify themselves and, as living stones, to join themselves to Jesus, the rejected one, who now is the cornerstone of the spiritual temple. They are the new Israel, called out of darkness into light.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

When Stephen, full of power and grace

HYMNAL 243

1 When Ste-phen, full of power and grace, went forth through-out the
 2 When Ste-phen preached a - gainst the laws and by those laws was
 3 When Ste-phen, young and doomed to die, fell crushed be - neath the
 4 Let me, O Lord, thy cause de - fend, a knight with - out a
 land, he bore no shield be - fore his face, no
 tried, he had no friend to plead his cause, no
 stones, he had no curse nor venge - ful cry for
 sword; no shield I ask, no faith - ful friend, no
 wea - pon in his hand; but on - ly in his
 spokes - man at his side; but on - ly in his
 those who broke his bones; but on - ly in his
 venge - ance, no re - ward; but on - ly in my
 heart a flame and on his lips a sword where -
 heart a flame and on his eyes a light where -
 heart a flame and on his lips a prayer that
 heart a flame and in my soul a dream, so



with he smote and o - ver - came the foe - men of the Lord.
with God's day - break to pro - claim and rend the veils of night.
God, in sweet for - give-ness' name, should un - der-stand and spare.
that the stones of earth - ly shame a jew - eled crown may seem.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN [14:1-14]

In our gospel passage Jesus speaks with his disciples shortly before his passion and tells them that he is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way because he himself is going the way of the sacrifice of his death, so to prepare a place for his disciples. In this way followers will discover the truth that Jesus so intimately reflects the character of God that those who have seen him have seen the Father. All who come to the Father through Jesus will find true life.

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Geoff Hahneman

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., and confirmed in 381 A.D., the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

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.**

Prayers of the People

Leader Let us call upon God to hear our prayers and to grant us those things that are in accord with the divine will, as we follow the light that casts out all fear; responding, “Hear us, O risen Christ.”

Leader We lift up to you those women who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, those who have taught us, and those who have cried for us, on our behalf. For some, that would be our mothers. Others might include a sister, an aunt, a grandmother, or a dear and cherished friend. Loving God, may your blessing pour out upon all of those beautiful, strong women who have been role models for us along our journey. For in them, we have seen a glimpse of your very own image: love that is both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. For the gift of women who have taught us to know you more fully, let us pray,

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Leader Remembering especially Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Donald, our President, Ned our Governor, James, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, our Congress and our Courts, and for all who exercise leadership, that we may do the works that Jesus revealed in his ministry, the healing of the sick, the raising up of the lowly, the giving of sight to the blind, and the blessing of the poor and the grieving; let us pray,

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Leader Remembering also Suheil, Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian, our Bishop; Geoffre, our Priest, and all members of this congregation, We also pray for those who are spiritually lost, or who question their faith, or whose souls are wrapped in the shadows of doubt, that they may share their misgivings with Jesus, who gently unfolds the truth and reveals a way; let us pray,

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Leader We pray for the sick, that they may be comforted in their times of need, derive strength from the prayers of others, and be supported by the presence of family and friends, especially all suffering from the COVID-19 virus as well as those on our parish prayer list, including Ed and Zemma White, Lorne Craner, Rebecca Bent, Caroline Thompson, Katy Coe, Eileen Hearn, Dick and Connie Kaylor, Jay Lafleur in hospice care, the staff and clients at Aspetuck Animal Hospital in Marbledale, and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Ken Hecken,

(Please take a moment to add your own petitions, either silently or aloud)

We also pray for those who tend to the needs of the sick and suffering; that they may be renewed by God's love and that they minister from the strength of Christ's healing power, and reveal the light of hope that never fades away; that the Church, the community of the baptized, may vigorously proclaim the alleluias of Easter, revealing the light of Christ, whose victory over death breaks the chains of darkness and despair; let us pray,

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Leader As we seek safe ways to come out of our homes and breathe in the fresh spring air, we give thanks for the beauty that is set before our eyes, and for the mysteries yet unseen, that we may honor the expansiveness of creation and be guardians of its splendor; let us pray,

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Leader Honoring all who seek creative and selfless ways to give thanks to our health care workers and first responders, to bring food to those in need, and to simply reach out to those who are lost and lonely, we lift up all missionaries throughout the world, who reveal God's Word in challenging times and places; let us pray,

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Leader And finally, that the Lord may comfort those in the waning days of life, and bring to life eternal those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, remembering especially Donald Wilkinson, friend of Tilly Brown, and David Purcell, friend of Darcy Campbell, his wife Heather Rowe and the family whom he left behind, let us pray,

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Leader As a chosen people who share the royal priesthood of Christ, let us add to these petitions.

Leader and People pray together the "Prayer in the Midst of a Pandemic" (written by Cameron Bellm)

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer.

May we who are merely inconvenienced at this time,
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors,
remember those who are most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home,
remember those must choose between preserving their health or paying their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children while the schools are closed,
remember those who have no other options.

May we who have to cancel our trips,
remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing money in the tumult of the economic market,
remember those who have no savings at all.

May we who must self-quarantine at home,
remember those who have no homes.

And finally as fear grips our nation,
let us choose love during this time of pandemic when we cannot physically wrap our arms around one and another,
let us find other ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors in our communities. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

HYMNAL S130

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. 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 - san - na

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

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or 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 before he died for us, 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."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John, our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 has taught us we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

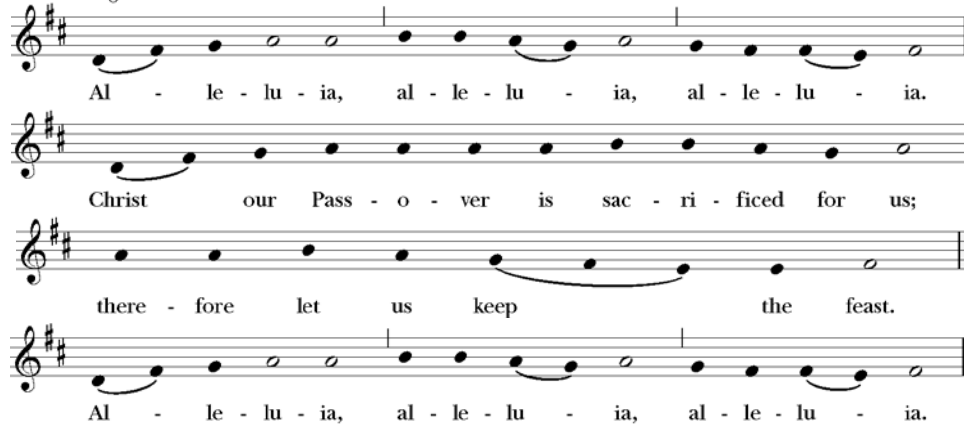
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S154

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

BCP, P 364

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.

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, P 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving 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 Priest gives the blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's one foundation

HYMNAL 525

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid - toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE DISMISSAL

HYMNAL S175

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tunes

Peter Prellieur (1705?-1741)

A PRAYER IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer.
May we who are merely inconvenienced at this time,
remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors,
remember those who are most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home,
remember those must choose between preserving their health or paying their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children while the schools are closed,
remember those who have no other options.
May we who have to cancel our trips,
remember those who have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing money in the tumult of the economic market,
remember those who have no savings at all.
May we who must self-quarantine at home,
remember those who have no homes.
And finally as fear grips our nation,
let us choose love during this time of pandemic when we cannot physically wrap our arms around
one and another,
let us find other ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors in our communities.
Amen.

**A contribution was given to the glory of God,
in memory of H. Siddons Mowbray
& Mother's Day
by Henry & Kathy Michie**

ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S LITURGY

Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Geoff Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge	
Music Director	Dr. Marguerite Mullee	
Organist	Jon Lafleur	
Lector	The Reverend Dr. Lisa DiNunno Hahneman	
Cantors	Dr. Marguerite Mullee Donna Castaner	
Staff	Priest-in-Charge	Fr. Geoff Hahneman
	Music Director	Dr. Marguerite Mullee
	Parish Administrator	Sarah Eyre
	Foundation Administrator	Joan Burgess

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Warden	Susan McFeely
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Charles Dubow

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Class of 2022
Sara Coles
Mary Davis
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