



The Second Sunday of Easter • Year C

Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home. At this time, **masks are optional while you are inside.**

The lit candle before the altar is “the Peace and Justice Candle.” It stands to proclaim our commitment against any kind of injustice, prejudice, or discrimination based on difference, and also our prayers for an end to war, violence, genocide, and gun violence.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross
Bailey Joy Myers, piano

George Bennard; Arr. John Innes

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 210

The Day of Resurrection!

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent)
Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), lt.

Music: *Ellacombe*, from *Gesangbuch . . . der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen, Hofkapell*, 1784, alt. adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863;
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889) desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



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the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S 278

Glory to God/Gloria in excelsis

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

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 glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in our lives what we profess by our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Frank Malone, Lector

Acts 5:27-32

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 150

Frank Malone, Lector

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *

praise him for his excellent greatness.

- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Frank Malone, Lector

Revelation 1:4-8

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

MHSO 18

Halle, Halle, Halle

Music: Traditional Caribbean, arr. By John L. Bell, ©1990 Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc. agent

To be sung twice.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le -

le - lu - ia! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon

THE NICENE CREED (STANDING)

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 FOR EASTER Jane Alperson, *intercessor*

God of the bright and morning star, God of the rising sun, God of darkness banished, we praise and worship you!

God of love, we praise you!

For empty tombs: thank you! For disciples running with good news: thank you! For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank you! We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that would defeat us.

God of love, we thank you!

Help us to grasp resurrection; to understand its power, to see its force at work in our world, overturning evil empires, changing the hatred within us, moving the world slowly, forcefully, bending us towards love and truth.

God of love, transform us!

On this day of great gladness empower us to be your ambassadors, proclaiming good news. Good news in our kitchens and living rooms, good news in the offices and workshops good news in the fields and factories. Today in our parish we pray for Marta Brenden and Bill Schauman; Charlotte Brink; Rosemarie, Winston, and Winston Jr. Broadbell; Annie Brown; Buck Buckingham; Franz Canon; and Temby Caprio and Eleanore Bedford. We pray also for the birthdays of Aaron Townsend, Karen Ashbrook, George Rathbone, Susan Fleck, and Dana Sussman-Martin (17).

God of love, empower us!

We pray especially today for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our Bishop; Joan our rector; Terri our deacon; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; Ana, oAna, Lisa, and Carmen, our parish staff, and all parish ministries, and volunteers, and for all the People of God. In our Diocese, We pray for the campus ministries in our diocese and the ministry to youth and young adults that they all may know and live as beloved children of God. And for St. Mark's DC; St. Mark's Fairland; and St. Philip's Laurel; and the National Day of Prayer (*May 2*). In the Anglican communion we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

God of love, fill our hearts with gratitude.

Help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth caring gently for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom. Today we pray to you for all who are sick or are in any need or trouble, especially **Norma ... Tony ... Cindy ... Christopher ... David ... *Keith ... Sean ... Geoff ... Jere ... *Maggie ... Linda ... Trish ... Roland ... *Roger ... Barbara ... Astrid ... Robin ... Martha ... Ceil ... *Joyce ... Joan and Family ... *Libby ... and Amy.**

God of love, heal us!

We pray for those places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed, especially for the oppressed, the marginalized, the homeless, and victims of gun violence.

Silence

God of love, give us peace!

We pray for all who have died, especially for the repose of the soul of Marc Fratani, beloved cousin of Jocelyn Lindsay, and prayers of comfort for his grieving family, and all who grieve the emptiness and loss, that death brings. we pray especially for those in whose loving memory the Easter flowers have been dedicated.

God of love, comfort us!

I invite you now to offer up your petitions or thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence

Celebrant

God of love, in this world of broken hopes and dreams, may we catch sight of your kingdom to come, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns, forevermore. **Amen.**

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Written by Carole Penner, and posted on her *Leading in Worship* blog, <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMNAL 193

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*
Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS, 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 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.

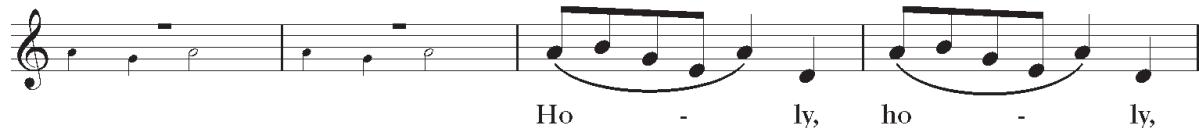
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



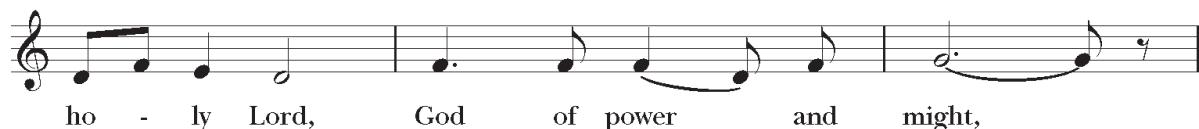
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

HYMNAL S 128

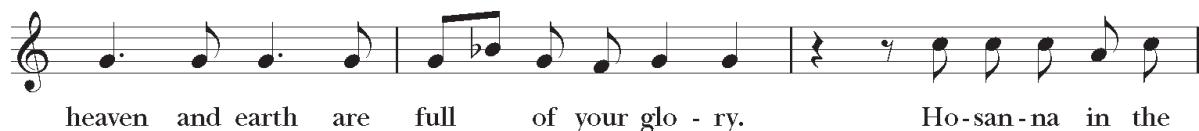
Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)



Ho - ly, ho - ly,



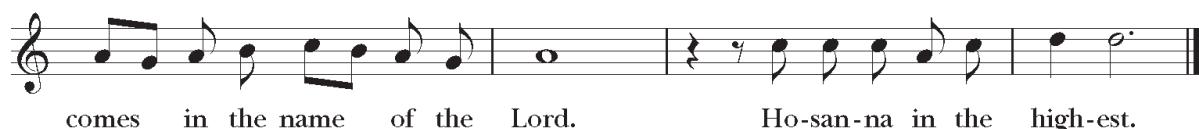
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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.

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.”



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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

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

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

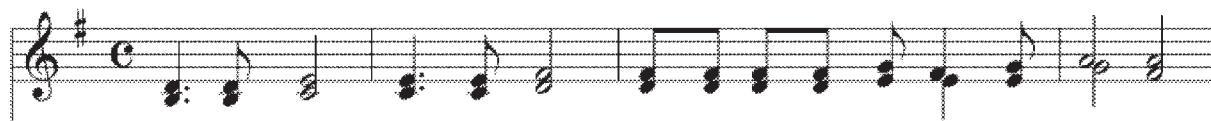
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

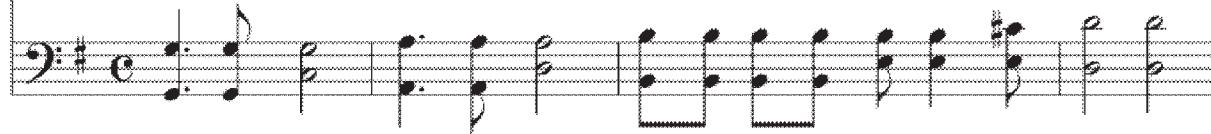
Eat This Bread

Taizé.



Music notation for the first line of the anthem. The key is C major, and the time signature is common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

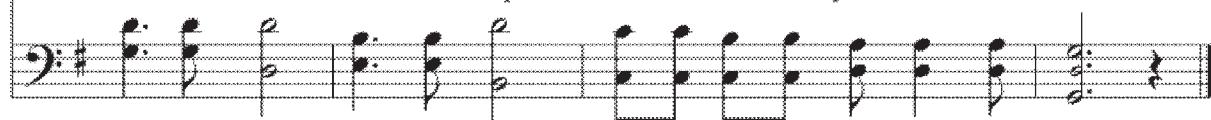


Music notation for the second line of the anthem. The key is C major, and the time signature is common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.



Music notation for the third line of the anthem. The key is C major, and the time signature is common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.



Music notation for the fourth line of the anthem. The key is C major, and the time signature is common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

THE INVITATION

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

*No matter where you are on your walk of faith, this is Christ's table and all are welcome to the Feast.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMNAL 204

Now the Green Blade Riseth

WORDS: JOHN MACLEOD CAMPBELL CRUM (1872-1958)
Music: *Noël nouvelet*, medieval French carol



Music notation for the first line of the hymn. The key is G major, and the time signature is common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Music notation for the second line of the hymn. The key is G major, and the time signature is common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

HYMNAL 178 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Words: Donal Fishel (b. 1950)

Music: *Alleluia No. 1*, Donald Fishel (b. 1950); arr. Betty Puklingham (1928-2019), Charles Mallory (b. 1950), and George Mims (b. 1938)

Descriptor
Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
 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 creation.
Jesus has died and has risen.
Now we shall live for ever.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Savior.

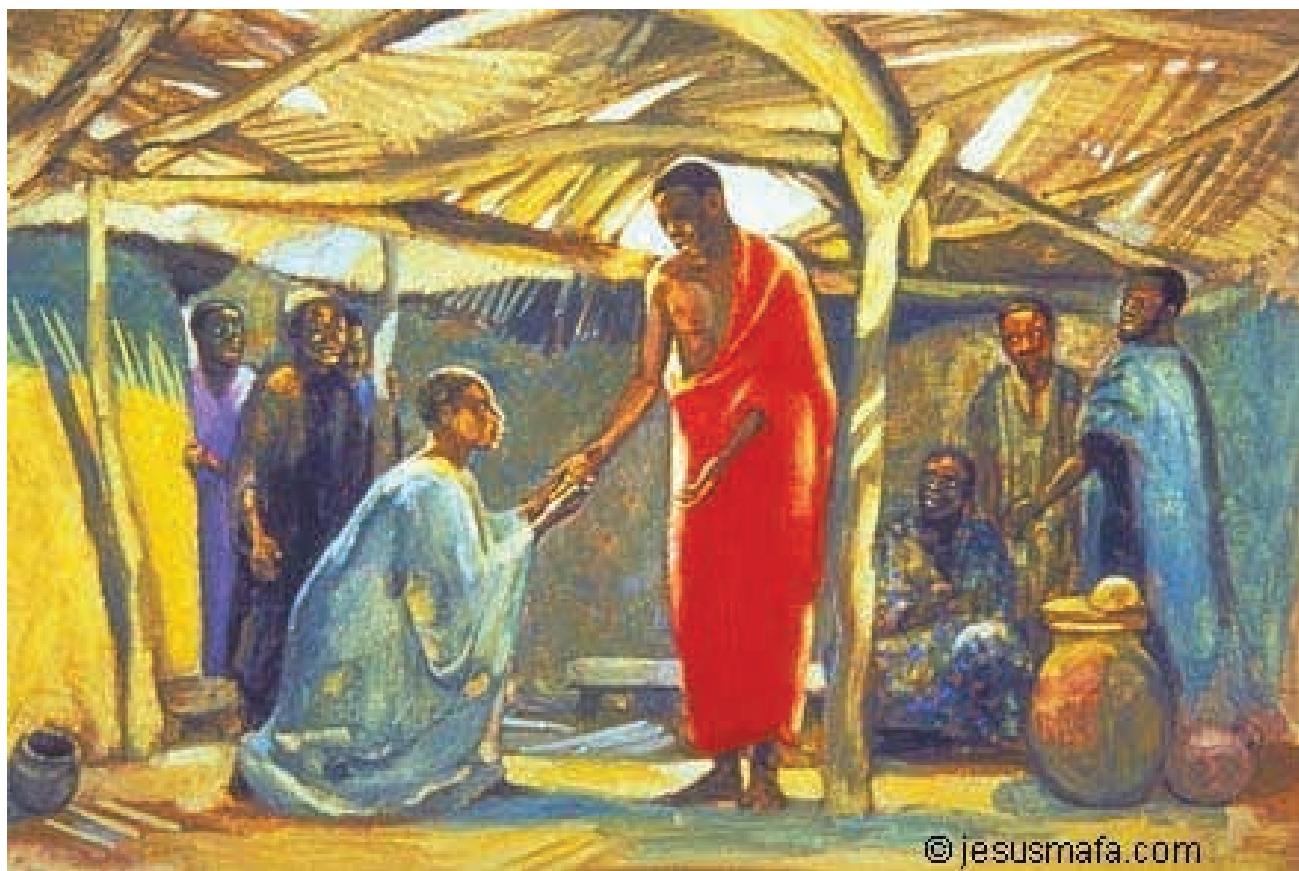
The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE EASTER BLESSING

DISMISSAL



PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

HYMNAL 182

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789, Lowell Mason (1792-1872) alt.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross
 Bailey Joy Myers, piano

Sydney H. Nicholson; Arr. Cindy Berry

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MONDAY NIGHT SERIES ON *THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*

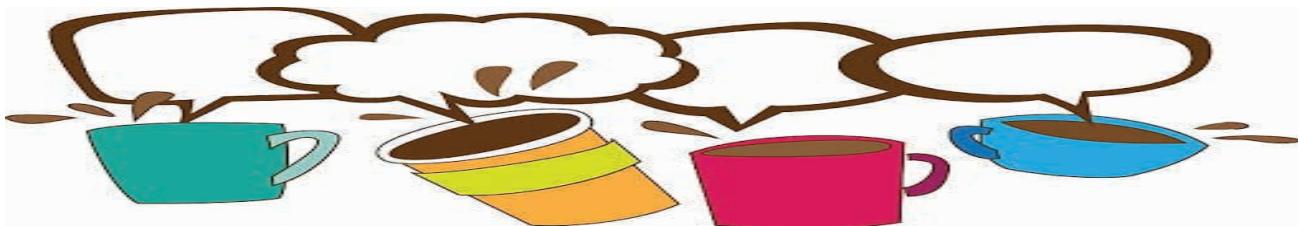


Anne LeVeque is leading a lively adult education class on *The Book of Common Prayer* through mid-May. The class is structured around the book *Praying Shapes Believing*, revised edition, by Ruth Myers and Leonel Mitchell. However, you do not have to purchase or even read it to participate. We meet in Ascension House at 6 - 8 pm, starting with some refreshments — bring some food to share, if you like. Please email anne.leveque@gmail.com if you have any questions.

COFFEE HOUR HOST SLOTS OPEN PLEASE SPREAD THE JOY IN MAY 4, 11, 18!

The new sign up sheet is now available on the bulletin board in the back of the parish hall. Sign up to host and scan the new QR code for instructions. Email or call **Lisa Middleton** with questions office@ascensionsilverspring.org or 301-587-3272.

If you want to be matched with a co-host, add your name to the Looking for a Co-Host sign-up sheet or email Lisa Middleton at office@ascensionsilverspring.org



Conversations on Race Book Club Spring Selection for Sunday, June 8 • 11:30 a.m.

The Small and the Mighty by Sharon MacMahon

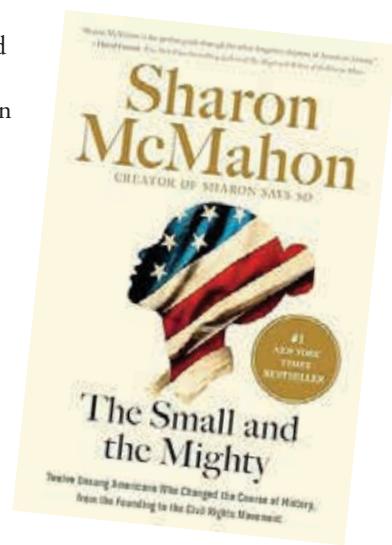
In these times in which we find ourselves, where the values, norms and ideals that have shaped our democracy are slowly slipping away, we must hold firm to the hope of our ancestors. We can inspire each other and look for inspiration in the work of others. McMahon has written an excellent series of essays on **ordinary people doing extraordinary things**. We know a few of them from past programs, i.e. Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington. Others, we will hear of for the first time. The book is about the courage and resilience of those who believe in America.

Sharon MacMahon, a NYT's #1 best selling author is a former teacher of government and law in the Montgomery County Public School system and a former colleague of a member of the Ascension community, Amy Branson.

So, read the book and join us for a stimulating discussion on June 8 at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Also, check out the table in the Gathering Space, peruse the book, pick up a bookmark, and learn of other resources generated by McMahon, such as a newsletter, and podcast.

Any questions? Check with **Jane Alperson, Amy Branson, Annie Brown or Susan Poling**.





Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities

April 2025

Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete. Don't know what to do to combat the need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

- **Diaper Ministry:** Donate diapers and wipes to benefit Silver Spring/Takoma Park Mutual Aid. Drop your diapers and wipes off in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings, for more info contact Laura at les291@nyu.edu or Drew at drewsnyder@pobox.com
- **Tommy's Pantry:** Volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to those in need. For more information contact tommyspantry@gmail.org or Libbie Griffin at libbiegriffin@gmail.com
- **Homeless Street Ministry:** Please consider donating a \$10 Giant or Safeway gift card to our homeless ministry. Give the homeless the gift of the simple dignity to purchase something without having to ask for a few coins! Place the card in the offering plate or in the mail slot at Ascension House. Donations are also needed to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund to keep this vital ministry going.
- **Help to maintain the beauty of Ascension's grounds** by volunteering to help with yard work, gardening, etc. Please contact please update with juniorwarden@ascensionsilverspring.org to volunteer.
- **Little Library.** Fill our little library by dropping off books. The box is in front of the church...or drop your donations in the plastic bin in the Gathering Space.
- **Blessing Box** – This box is located at the Sunday School entrance. This is a free pantry where non-perishables are left for neighbors in need. Please drop off what you can.
- **PenPal Project for the Incarcerated:** Join Interfaith Action for Human Rights to become involved. Email Rabbi Chuck Feinberg at penpal.iahr@gmail.com for more info.
- **Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind:** Volunteer at their Silver Spring office to assist sight challenged neighbors. For more info call them at 301-589-0894.

This Month's Highlighted Ministry

Feed the 5,000 with a \$10 donation!

Your donation to Shepherd's Table helps to distribute warm, nutritious meals while connecting people to critical resources and restoring their dignity.
Donate at <https://www.shepherdstable.org>

Last month's donations:

Food cards distributed by the Street Ministry Team totaled \$1370
Diaper Bank Donations totaled 307 diapers and 80 containers of wipes.



Serving This Week
The Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 27, 2025

*Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector
Preacher: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon
Altar Guild: Hunter Howe, Jeanette Witter,
Deborah Percell, and Stacy Cooper*

8:00 AM Service

*Sunday Warden: Brenda Freeman/Tom Jacobson/Leticia Read
Lector/Intercessor: Tom Jacobson
LEM: Morna Holden*

10:00 AM Service

*Sunday Warden: Shellie Williams
Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Joy Myers
Lector: Frank Malone
Intercessor: Jane Alperson
LEM: Steve Fromyer and Kevin Connell
Ushers & Greeters: Kathleen Fulton and Bill Schauman
Coffee Hour: Annalies and Beth Echols*

Serving Next Week
The Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 4, 2025

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector
The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon
Altar Guild: Kate Rohrbaugh, Leona Cosby,
and Brenda Freeman, Maria Pracher*

8:00 AM Service

*Sunday Warden: Brenda Freeman/Tom Jacobson/Leticia Read
Lector/Intercessor: Morna Holden
LEM: Garrett Keeler*

10:00 AM Service

*Sunday Warden: Andreas Smith
Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Joy Myers
Lector: Liz Malone
Intercessor: Charlotte Brink
LEM: Bob Cosby and Buck Buckingham
Ushers & Greeters: Drew Snyder and Laura Schattschneider*

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To submit a prayer request or
add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings
to the Sunday prayer list please email:

Jennifer Woods, knitpick@mac.com

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, revdrjeb@comcast.net



For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

*Marta Brenden and Bill Schauman
Charlotte Brink
Rosemarie, Winston, and Winston Broadbell, Jr.
Annie Brown
Buck Buckingham
Franz Canon
Temby Caprio and Eleanor Bedford*

*For those celebrating birthdays this week
April 27: Aaron Townsend
April 28: Karen Ashbrook
April 30: George Rathbone
May 1: Susan Fleck
May 2: Dana Sussman-Martin (17)*

In our Diocese

*We pray for the campus ministries in our diocese and the
ministry to youth and young adults that they all may know
and live as beloved children of God.*

*St. Mark's DC
St. Mark's Fairland
St. Philip's Laurel
National Day of Prayer (May 2)*

*In the Anglican Communion
The Church of the Province of the
Indian Ocean*

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere, but especially in Africa.

*In the World
All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.*

*For people in need of healing
(*indicates a member of the parish; italics, new this week):
Norma and Tony Argo, Cindy Bean, Christopher Blackwall,
David Cato, *Keith Ecker, Sean Fitzsimmons, Geoff Grub,
Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie Howard, Linda LeVeque,
Trish Martzolf, Roland Maynez,
*Roger Rohrbaugh, Barbara Ross-Robey,
Astrid Schmidt-Nielson, Robin Schueneman,
*Martha Smith, Ceil Snyder, *Joyce Sterling,
*Joan Thomas and Family, *Libby Williams, Amy Zieler*

*For those who have died.
We ask prayers for the repose of the soul of **Marc Fratani**,
beloved cousin of **Jocelyn Lindsay**, and prayers of comfort
for his grieving family.*

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.