

WE SEEK TO UNITED ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE Medley of Today's Hymns

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Christ Is Arisen! (713)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379 God is Love Abbot's Leigh

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP, p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **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.*

GLORIA: S-278 BCP, p 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

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.

Response: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM Psalm 22:24-30

- 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.

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.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN 457 Thou Art the Way.....St. James

GOSPEL:..... John 15:1-8

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

Response Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Fr. RJ

THE NICENE CREED BCP, P 358

**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 FORM III *The Leader and People pray responsivelyBCP, p. 387*

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 Pastor Marilyn, Ten, Vonda, Henry, Jim, Jane, Ron, and all those
who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Lynn McBride and all 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

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP, p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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. *Amen.*

THE PEACE..... BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS..... BCP, p. 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Angel Said to Philip Lewis / Nyland

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING The Doxology (Hymn 380, St 3)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer ABCP, p. 361

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 him thanks and praise.**

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.

The Celebrant proceeds:

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:

S-130 Franz Schubert

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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 forever. **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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

FRACTION ANTHEM S-154 David Hurd

COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to take communion.

Please let the Priest know if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Dreams..... R. S. Stoughton

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

To Be Said By Those Online and Others Choosing Not to Receive the Sacrament

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that You come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 657 Love Divine Hyfrydol

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



**PLEASE COME TO THE FAMILY ROOM FOR
 COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

*Take a turn to be a welcoming presence prior to the 10 o'clock service as a **GREETER!!!** The sign-up sheet for the next several weeks is posted on the kiosk. Your willingness to serve is much appreciated. It's a fun way to greet your fellow parishioners.*



Altar Flowers

In Celebration of Matthw Garrott's Birthday – Leslie Redmon

Bob's Music Notes

"God Is Love" comes from the pen of a Welsh Bishop whose appointment came at a time of unemployment, which he successfully addressed. He was a popular speaker both in English and Welsh. The tune was the work of BBC's head of religious broadcasting, Cyril Taylor, written while he was curate at a church in Abbott's Leigh, an English village, hence the tune name.

"Thou Art the Way" was penned by George Washington Doane, born on the day of our first president's death in 1799, hence the name. He became the Bishop of New Jersey. The tune was prepared by Raphael Courteville who was the organist at St. James, Westminster (an organ given by Queen Mary) - a post he held for 81 years!

"Love Divine" is another masterpiece from Charles Wesley, inspired by a Dryden poem about Britain, "Fairest isle, all isles excelling..." The tune (pronounced "huv-RUH-dol") was the work of Welshman Pritchard.

The anthem is based on today's first lesson by Harold T. Lewis, the late rector of Calvary Episcopal in Pittsburgh, a black man of considerable eminence, appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to a UN commission, and the host for Desmond Tutu when he visited the USA. He held pastorates in England, DC, NY, OH, and PA. The tune Nyland is a Finnish folk air and is found twice in our hymnal at 232 and 655.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 28

Cluster Dinner, noon, at Kieslings

Wednesday, May 1

Evening Prayer, 4 pm, on Zoom

Vestry, 6 pm

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Marcia Kiesling
8 Drew Pelger
9 Tom Temelkoff
10 Barbara Whitehouse
12 JD Arnold, Susie Hines
20 Katie Cerrone-Arnold
21 Kim Nadel
26 Sandi Kaustinen
27 Karen Violand

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Benjamin Clark
9 Chris Arnold
10 Dave Kiesling
Jan Hudson
12 Jane King
15 Derek Gordon
19 Connor Pelger
24 Justin Crowl

Servers this Sunday, April 28:

Lector:

8 am: Doug Carey

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Paul Sack

10 am: Bruce Schutrum, Carol Hayn

Acolyte: Karen Violand, Danny Holihan

Ushers: John Willoughby, Kent Clark

Altar Guild: Carol Popovich, Karen Violand, Kathy Wise

Servers next Sunday, May 5

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Diana Cornell

10 am: Tom Turner, Carol Hayn

Acolytes: Colin Jenkins, Danny Holihan

Senior Recognition: Brooks Deuble

Ushers: Bill Rand, Derek Gordon

Altar Guild: Diana Cornell, Linda Deuble, Kathy Sloan

Prayer Concerns: Pastor Marilyn, Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, and Ron Brookes

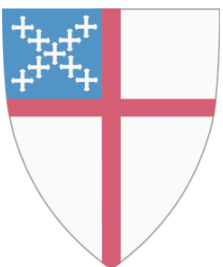
Family and Friends: *John Fortney* (brother of Cindy Brown) • *Bletzacker/Stutz families* (death of Beth's brother, Jeff) • *Joel Harris* (friend of Derek & Emily Gordon) • *Pastor Marilyn from Hope Outreach; Doug* (friend of Marcia Tirpak) • *Joanne C.* (Florida friend of the Kieslings) • *Tom* (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) • *Kit Caspar* (Carol Hayn's brother) • *Jody Shumway* (Co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) • *Dr. Mallamaci* (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger) • *Jolonda Mull, Kirk Schuring, Pam Lagodich, & Bill Allen* (sister-in-law & friends of the Mulls) • *Earl Hoot* (father of Joe Hoot) • *Ashley Stockman* (friend of Katie & Ryan Kuceyeski) • *Tim Swihart* (friend of the Gordons) • *Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner* (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser) • *Lee, Theresa, and Chuck Boone* (friends & cousin of the Hixons) • *Nori Shawk* (friend of Brynn Pelger) • *Johnny Willoughby* (grandson of the Willoughbys) • *Heather Armington & Mark Osterhage* (friends of the Watters) • *Elaine Campbell* (friend of the Turners) • *Sammy Coates* (friend of Leslie Redmon) • *Melanie & Trish* (friends of Paulette Frech) • *Pat Walter & family* (friend of Barb Whitehouse) • *Alycia Geis* (Karen Violand's friend's daughter) • *Don & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan* (husband & sister of Barb Siegfried) • *DaNay Jackson* (friend of Ron Brookes) • *Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins* (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) • *Finnigan Savage* (friend of Pam McCarthy) • *Jimmy Little* (son of Sue Little) • *Yanette Pysher* (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin) • *Tony Donahue* (friend of the Boyds) • *Marc Hostetler* (brother of Susan Hostetler) • *David* (acquaintance of the Nadels).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

Prayer Chain

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net. Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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