

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10AM

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The ministers of St. Mary's are all the people of St. Mary's.

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Burke, *Rector*

Celebrant/Gospel Reader: The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez, *Associate Rector*

Readers: Kristina Reza and Tracey Burke

Voice of the People: Thad Hunter

Prayers of People: Christina Talbott-Clark

St. Mary's Choir, directed by Luke Honeck

Organist: Rachel Morgan

Cantor: Braydon Perrupato

Media Specialist: Seth Eggleston

Flowers: Marty Margeson, *in honor of my birthday*

Judy Brady, *to the Glory of God*

David and Jill Rush, *in memory of Nick and Helen Ebacher,*

David Rush Sr., and Eddie Rush

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE • Rachel Morgan, *organ*

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

***OPENING HYMN** • *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* • Hymnal #379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse is "1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let", the second is "2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in", and the third is "3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

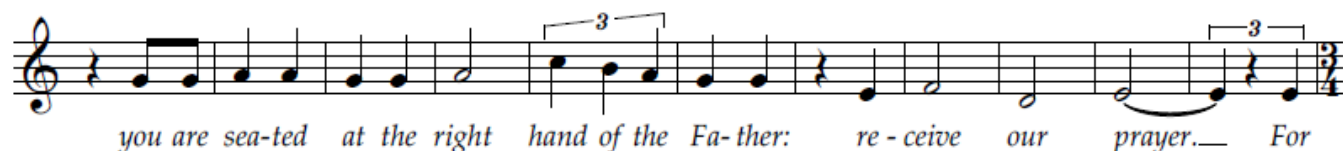
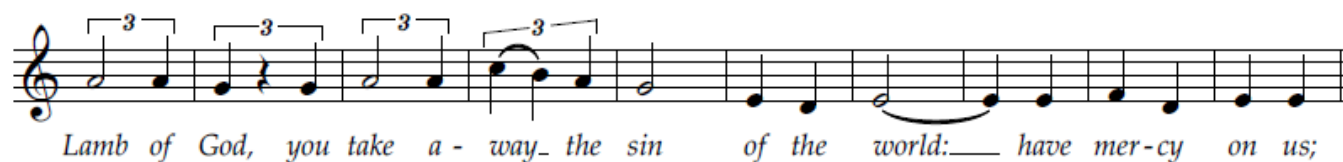
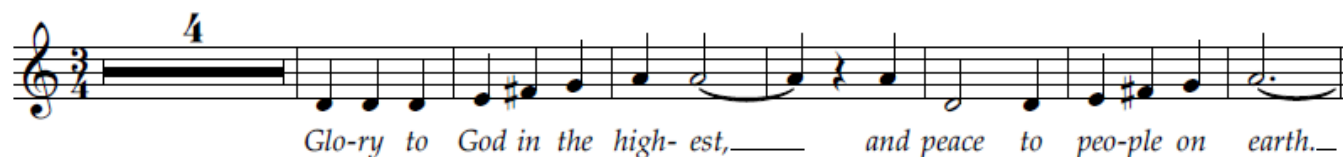
all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.***

Priest 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 Savior. ***Amen.***

***GLORIA WLP 900**

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. —

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Priest 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.***

FIRST READING • Acts 8:26-40

Reader A Reading from the book of Acts.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 22:24-30 • Braydon Perrupato, *cantor*

ANTIPHON

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

My praise is of you in the great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
 worship you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek you shall praise you:
 “May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

For yours is the royal power, O God;
you rule over the nations.

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you.

My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • 1 John 4:7-21

Reader A Reading from 1 John.

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 siblings, are liars; for those who do not love a sibling 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 siblings also.

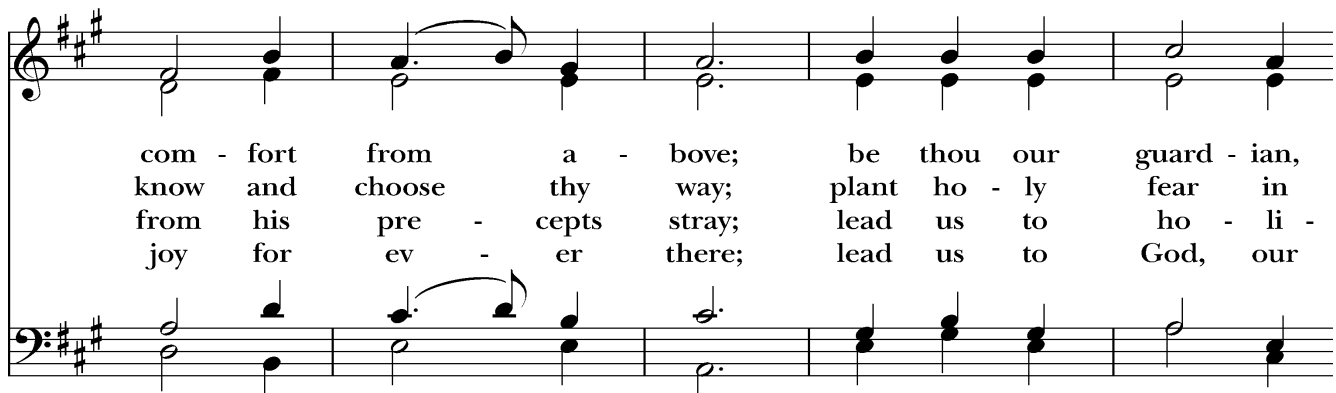
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

***GOSPEL HYMN • *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* • Hymnal #512, v. 1,3,4**



1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our



thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

***GOSPEL • John 15:1-8**

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Priest 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON • The Rev. Michael Burke

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*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;

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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**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all bishops
and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

A Priest says Together, praying,

Minister and People

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.

A Priest says

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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Give Me Jesus* • arr. L.L. Fleming

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The priest continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your own children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS S128

Ho - - ly, ho - - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is the one who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of the universe and giver of life.
 You formed us in your own image
 and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
 You gave the world into our care
 that we might be your faithful stewards
 and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
 in one another and in ourselves;
 we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
 and so we violated your creation,
 abused one another,
 and rejected your love.

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Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:


This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.” 

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.” 

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.


Christ will come again.

Priest Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

At the last day, bring us with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN.* 

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, each in the language of
their heart,

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

ENGLISH VERSION

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

DEG XINAG VERSION

*Dinaxito' ngi'ezre' yan' ngizrenh.
Yitots'in' yoye dhedo.
Yitots'in ngutl'ogh xiye
Tr'ididl'tth'e.
Go dranh nighantl'itthin dinadhong
he' on.
Tr'ixet'ixdi xits'in' dinatighelalin.
(Yitots'in) trixet'xdi xits'in
Dinak'odz xudingitnek*

Deg Xinag (Deg Hit'an) is a Northern Athabaskan language spoken by the Deg Hit'an peoples of the GASH region. The GASH region consists of the villages of Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and Holy Cross along the lower Yukon River in Interior Alaska.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

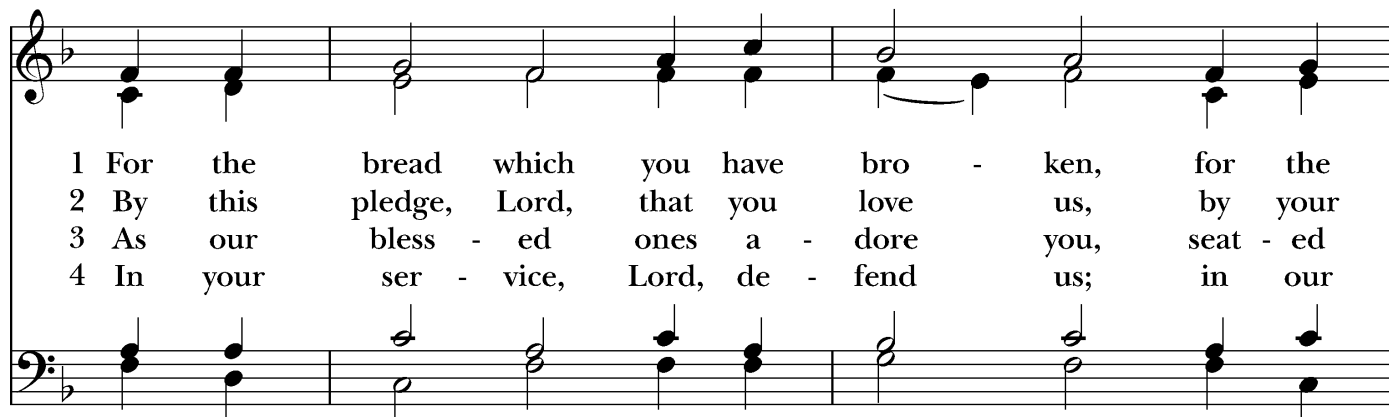
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

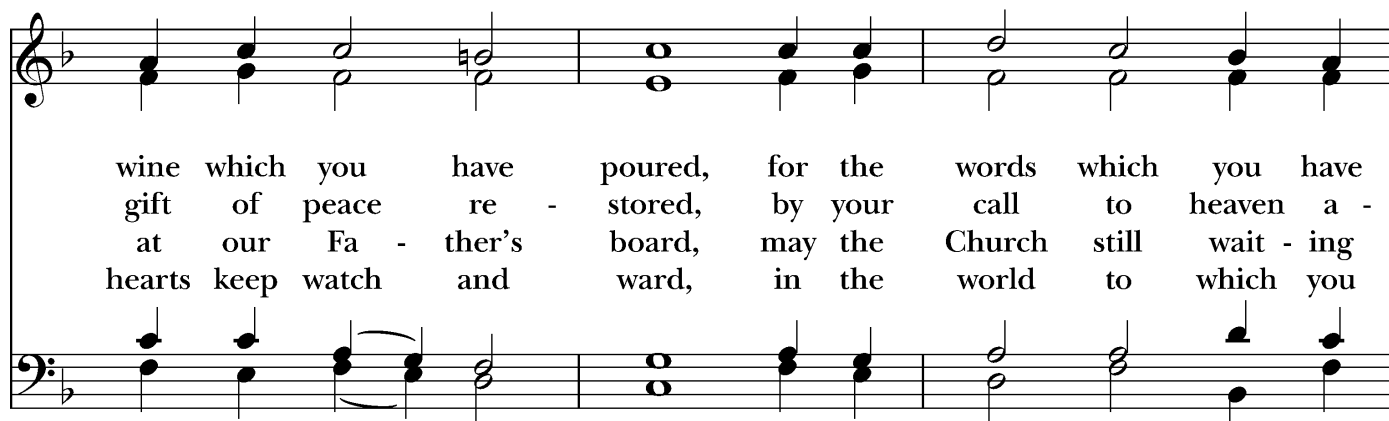
This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who feel you have failed.

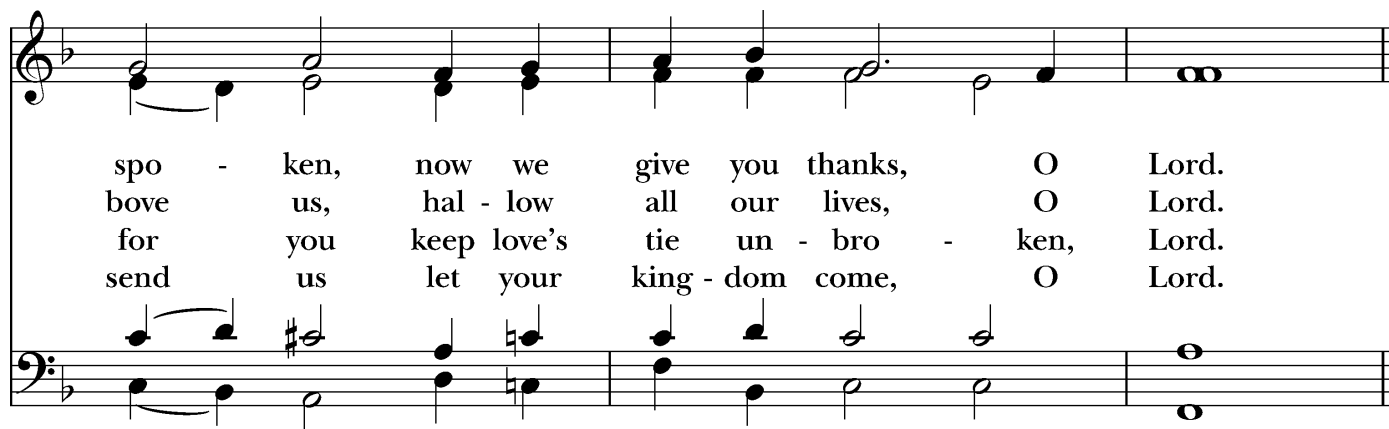
Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

COMMUNION HYMN • *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* • Hymnal #341


1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

***THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Priest and People

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

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*Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

BLESSING

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work or recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING SONG

*May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son.
And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love*, be with you all your days.*

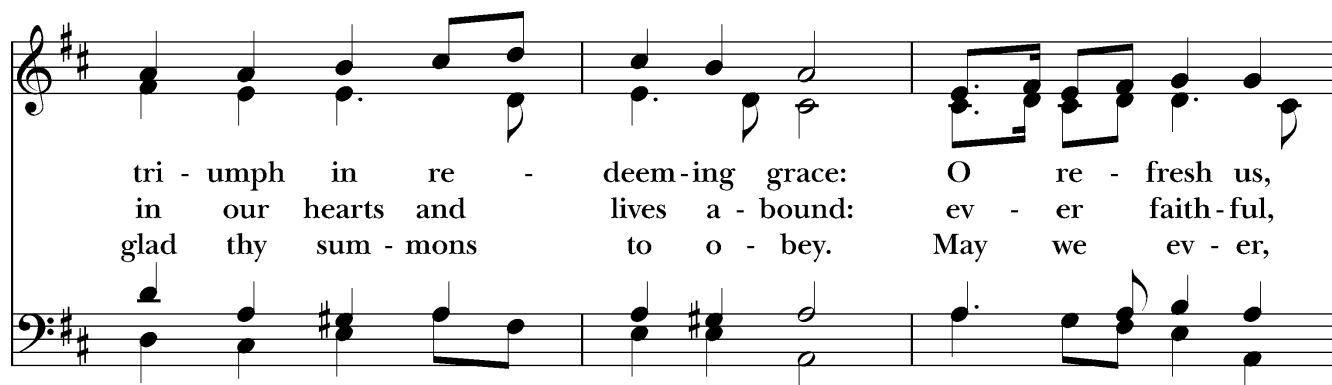
**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* • Hymnal #344

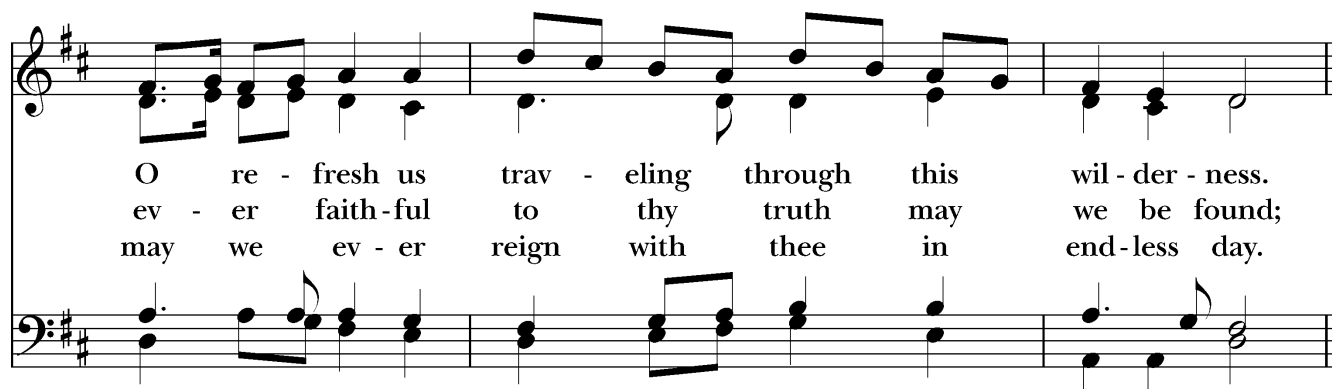

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

***DISMISSAL**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE • Rachel Morgan, *organ*

Those on Zoom are invited to join breakout rooms for conversation and fellowship.

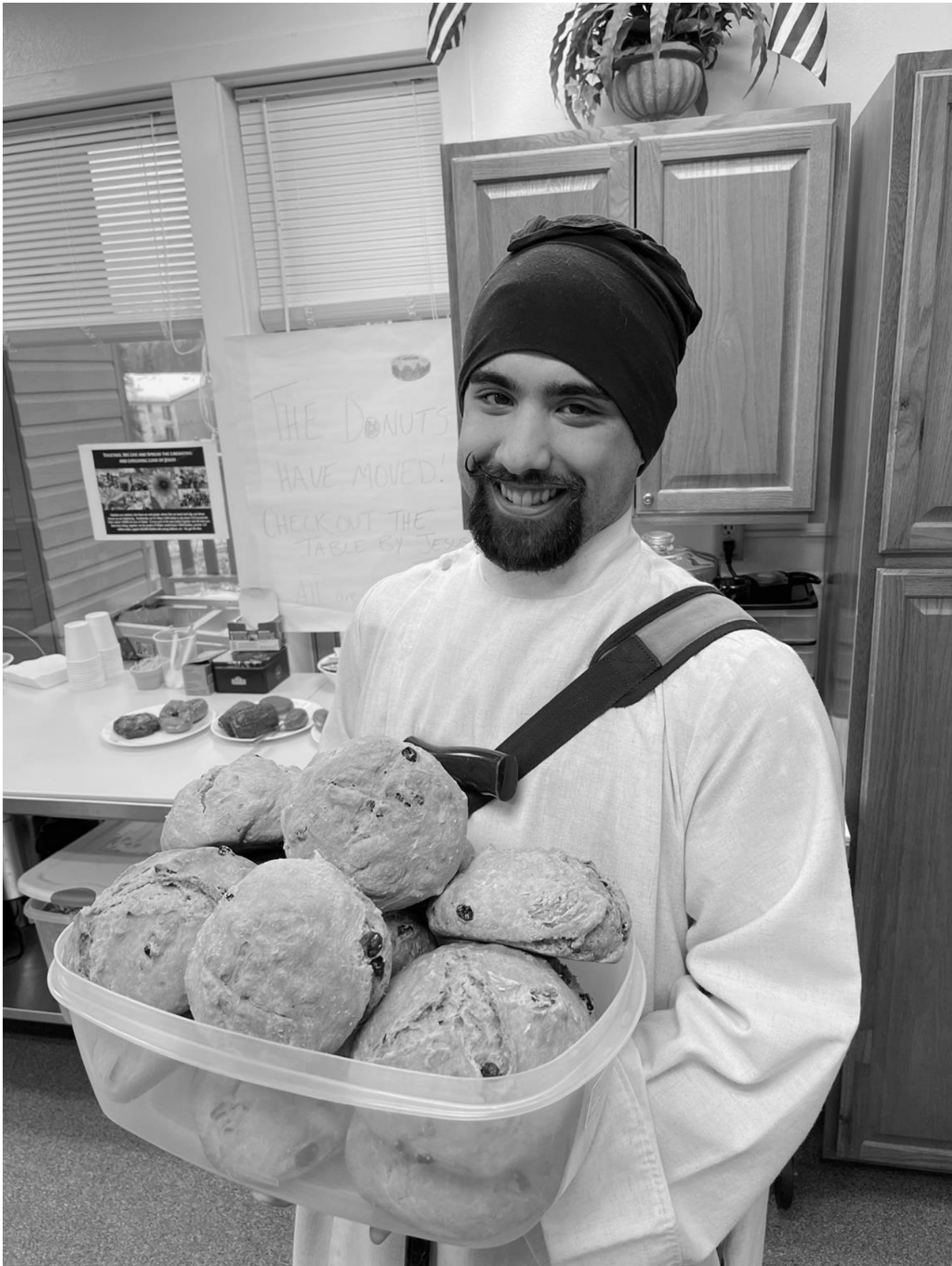
Those on campus are invited to Waldron Hall for refreshments, conversation, and...

Lunch & Learn: Estate Planning

11:30 am April 28

Waldron Hall

Do you have questions about estate planning? Today, after the 10am service we are hosting a presentation on charitable trusts by Chelsea Rae Riekkola, attorney. Lunch will be provided.



BRAYDON PERRUPATO BRINGS FRESHLY BAKED BREAD FOR THE ST. MARY'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST

St. Mary's Playschool Spring Auction

May 3-May 10

Waldron Hall

The Playschool's silent auction is coming!
Bidding opens May 3 and closes at 5 pm on May 10.

Yukon Island Youth Retreat

August 2-4; Ages 12-18

Registration for our annual youth group retreat
on Yukon Island is open now!

Space is limited, so secure your spot today!

For more information, contact Rev. Israel.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

April 28-May 5, 2024

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Sunday, April 28

- 8 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Chapel
- 9 am Colombia Prep Meeting
Youth Group Room (downstairs)
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online;
ID 940 3189 1877
- 10 am Godly Play & Sunday School
Downstairs classrooms
- 11:30 am Lunch & Learn: Planned Giving
Waldron Hall
- 4 pm Evening Prayer
Sanctuary

Monday, April 29

No planned events

Tuesday, April 30

No planned events

Wednesday, May 1

- 7 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online;
ID 584 949 088
- 8 am Caring Ministries Team
Cay's Room & online;
ID 823 7969 4537
- 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal
Sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

- 7 am Men's Group
Waldron Hall

Friday, May 3

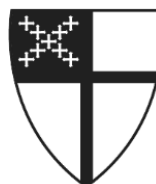
Playschool Silent Auction begins

Saturday, May 4

Playschool Silent Auction continues

Sunday, May 5

- 8 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Chapel
- 9 am Colombia Prep Meeting
Youth Group Room (downstairs)
- 9 am First Sunday Breakfast
Waldron Hall
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online;
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- 10 am Godly Play & Sunday School
Downstairs classrooms
- 10 am Children's Chapel
Chapel
- 11:20 am Fellowship Hour
Waldron Hall
- 11:20 am Sermon Circle
Cay's Room
- 4 pm Evening Prayer
Sanctuary



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