ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

April 19, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

Alleluia Christ ***IS*** risen! Not Christ was risen, the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, walked among the people he knew and loved, and continued to minister to old and new friends alike, and then ascended to the right hand of the Father to take his place, and to bring the very flesh of his humanity into the Triune God-Head is an incredible thing to consider!

There is a wonderful children's song often sung at VBS celebrations. The lyrics are as follows: "1, 2, 3 Jesus is alive. He died for you and me. But on day 3, Jesus rose again. Yeah, Jesus is alive!"

Did you all get the nuance in the lyrics and my theme for this reflection? Jesus is alive! We do not worship a dead man who was a great moral teacher, nor do we worship the relics of a bygone religion, buildings, or the way things used to be! No, we worship a living God who is constantly pouring out his grace to the world so that we might be saved by accepting his unconditional love!

We have just come through a wonderful Lenten journey. On the First Sunday of Lent, we listened as Jesus faced temptation in the desert. There, He refused every lie that tried to define Him apart from the Father. That story prepared us to hear Easter's truth: resurrection is not only God raising Jesus, but God restoring our identity as beloved children.

From the wilderness, we moved to Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where he spoke of being born again of the Spirit. On Easter, we see what that new birth looks like. In the Resurrection, God shows us the life he has in store for his people—a life where hope rises even in darkness.

We also heard of the Samaritan woman, burdened by shame, to whom Jesus offered living water. Her life changed through encounter, not judgment. Easter proclaims that same truth: Christ meets us in our dry places and offers water that never runs out.

We saw the man born blind receive his sight, reminding us that Easter opens our eyes to see God at work where we once saw emptiness.

And at Lazarus's tomb we heard Jesus cry, "Come out!" If Christ could call Lazarus from the grave, then his own rising is fulfillment. Easter is God's answer to every longing for hope.

Jesus knows you and me on the most intimate level, and he loves each of us beyond our comprehension. As we all reflect on the empty tomb on Easter Day, we must remember that Jesus is alive, and he lives so that we might have life with him in his eternal glory.

Faithfully,



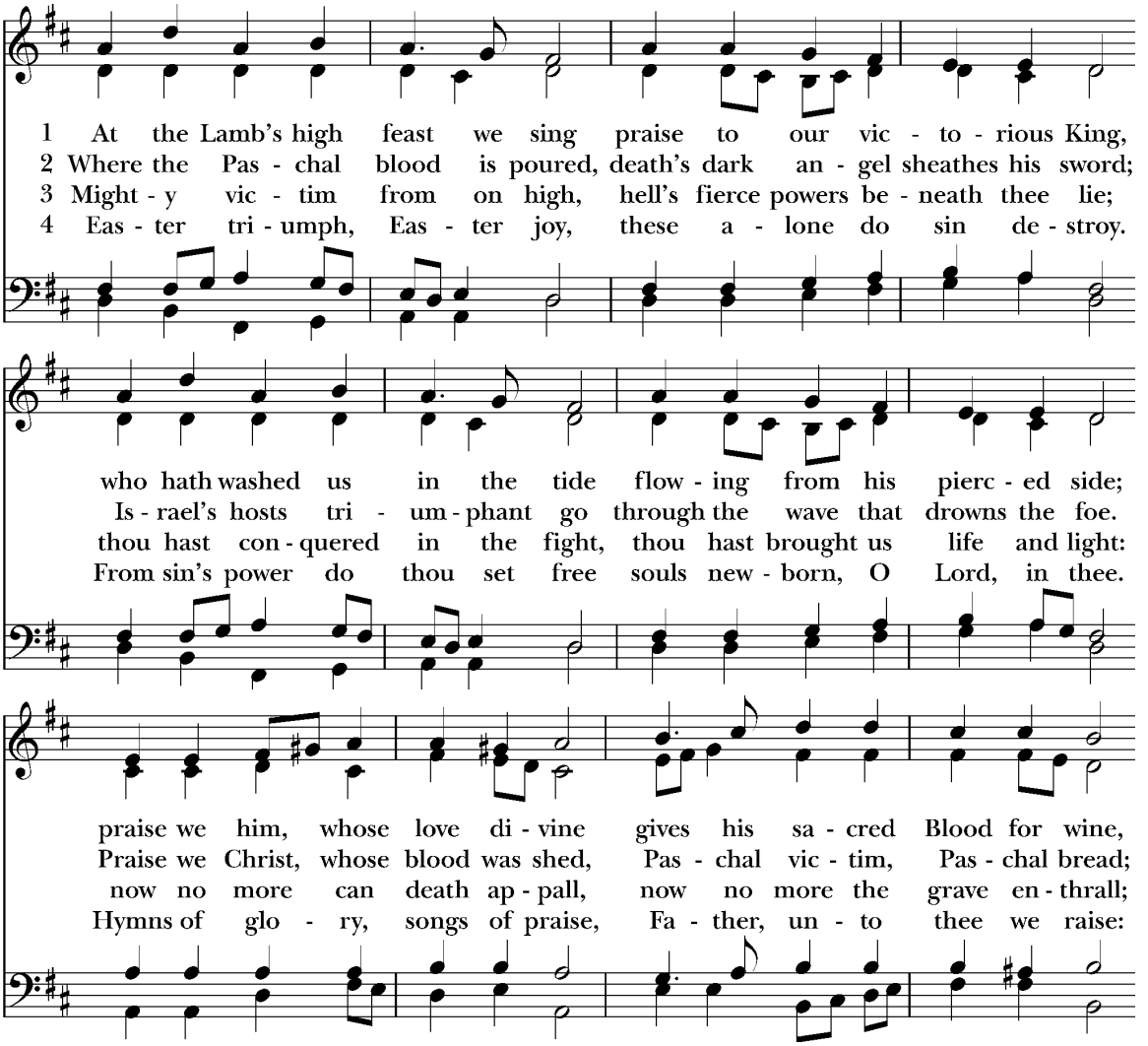
The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

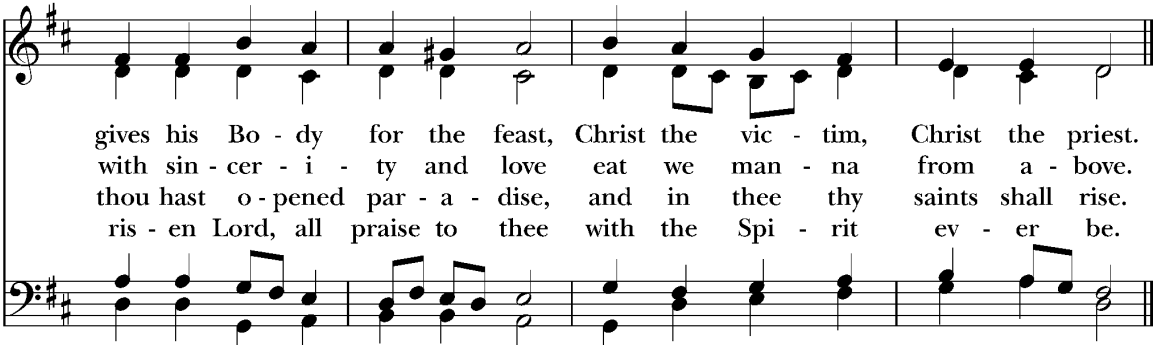
VOLUNTARY *Andante in D Major (MWV W 32)* — F. Mendelssohn

The people stand as the Ministers enter

Processional Hymn 174

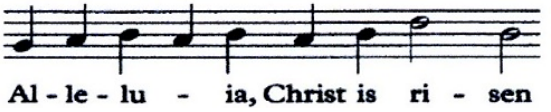
Salzburg



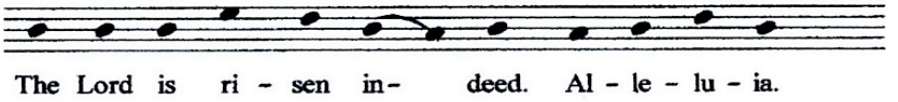


PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



People



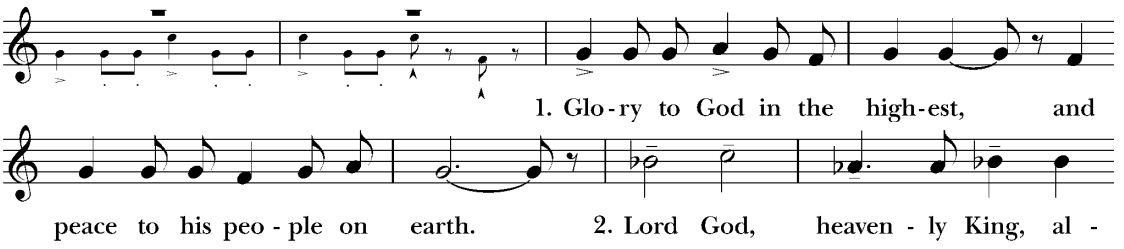
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

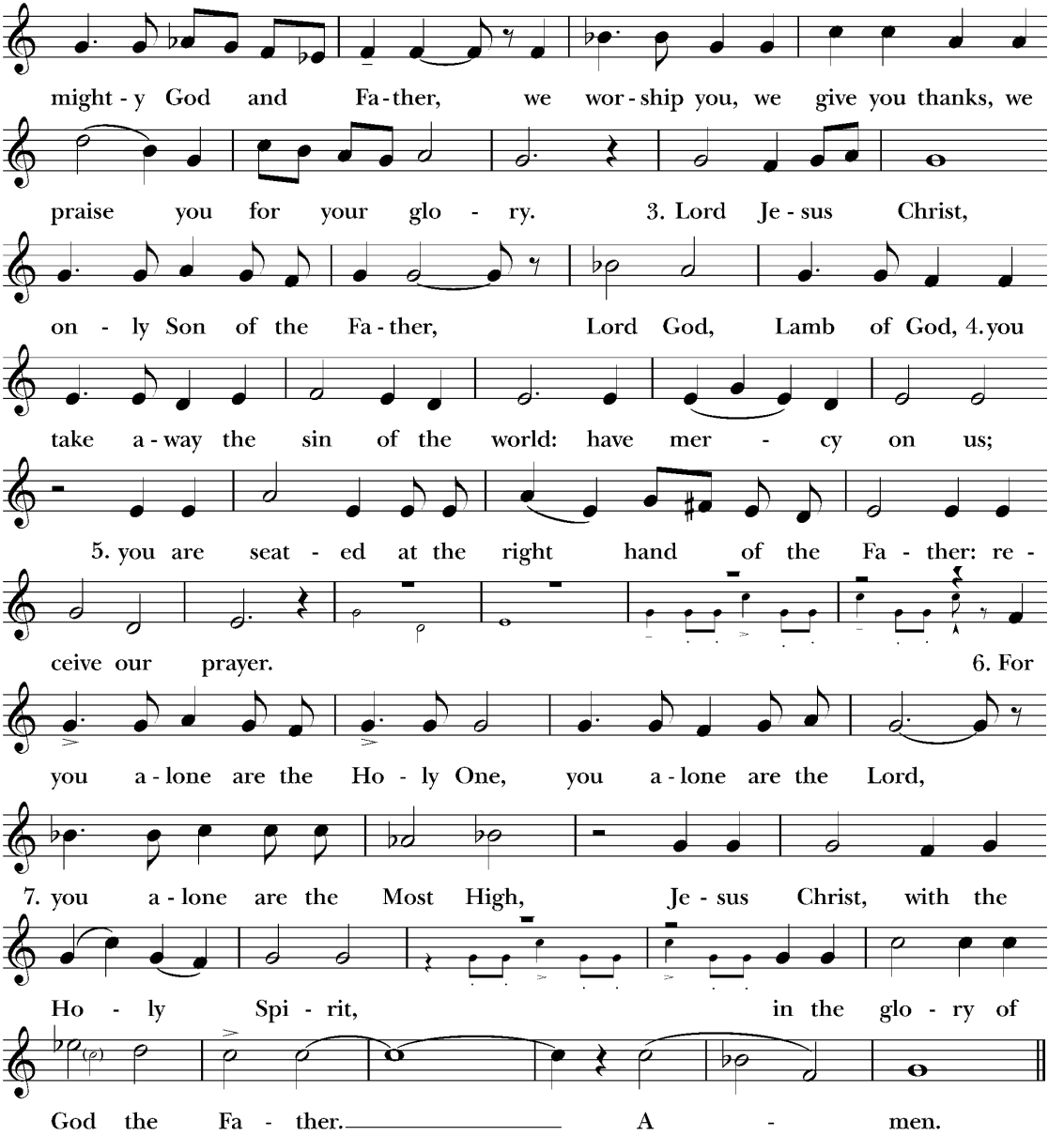
Celebrant

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 IN EXCELSIS S-278

William Mathias




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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

GRADUAL Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 ***Sung by the choir*** William Crotch

My delight is in the LORD
because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me;
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The snares of death compassed me round about,
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the LORD;

O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
What reward shall I give unto the LORD
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?
I will receive the cup of salvation,
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people:
right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant;
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all his people,
in the courts of the LORD's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end.

THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:17-23

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

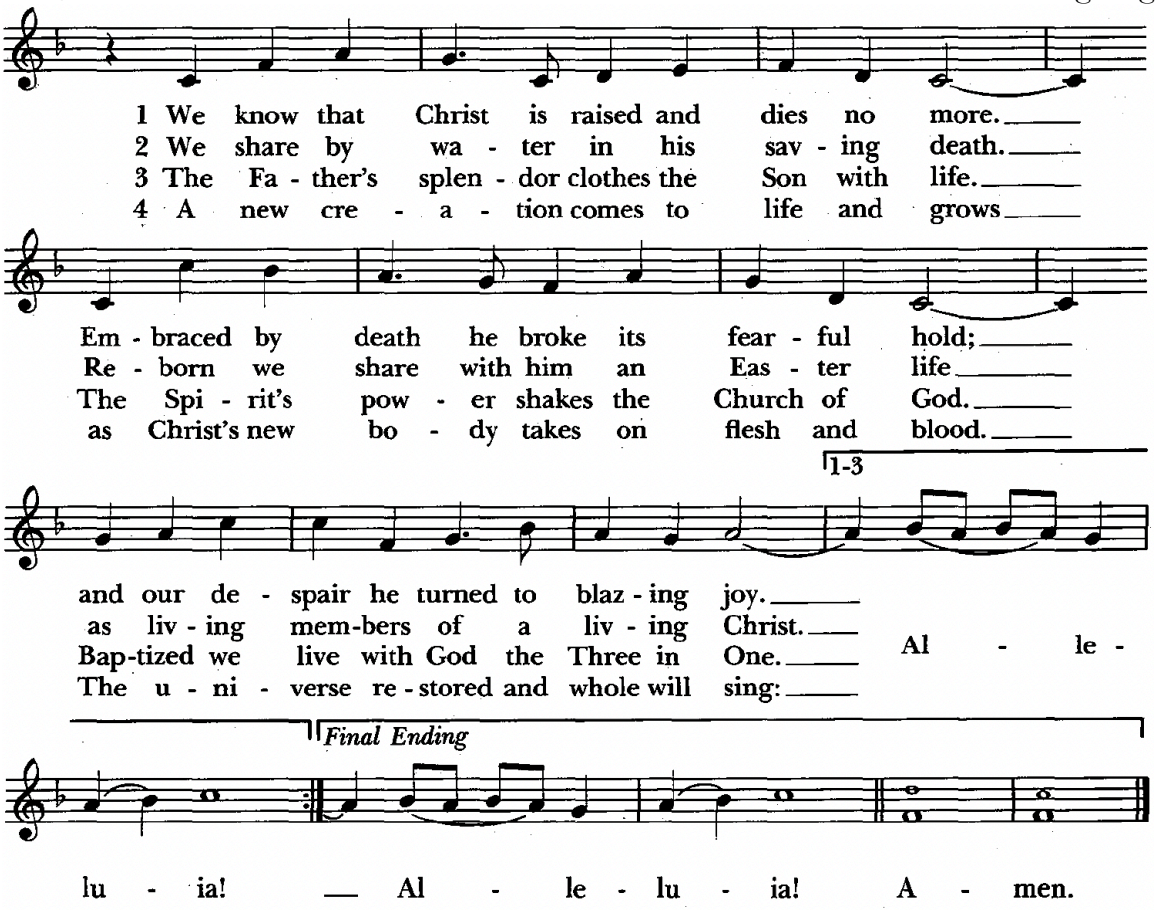
And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake. Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

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

All elementary-aged students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

SEQUENCE HYMN 296

Engelberg



THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with

them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON Father Christian M. Wood

All stand

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and people

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Form III)*

The people kneel

The Leader and people pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

Additional petitions may be added here

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

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

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people sit for the announcements

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

O sing joyfully — Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret; the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon; even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day. For this was made a statute for Israel; and a law of the God of Jacob.

The people stand

Doxology with Alleluias *Laast uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic 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 him thanks and praise.**

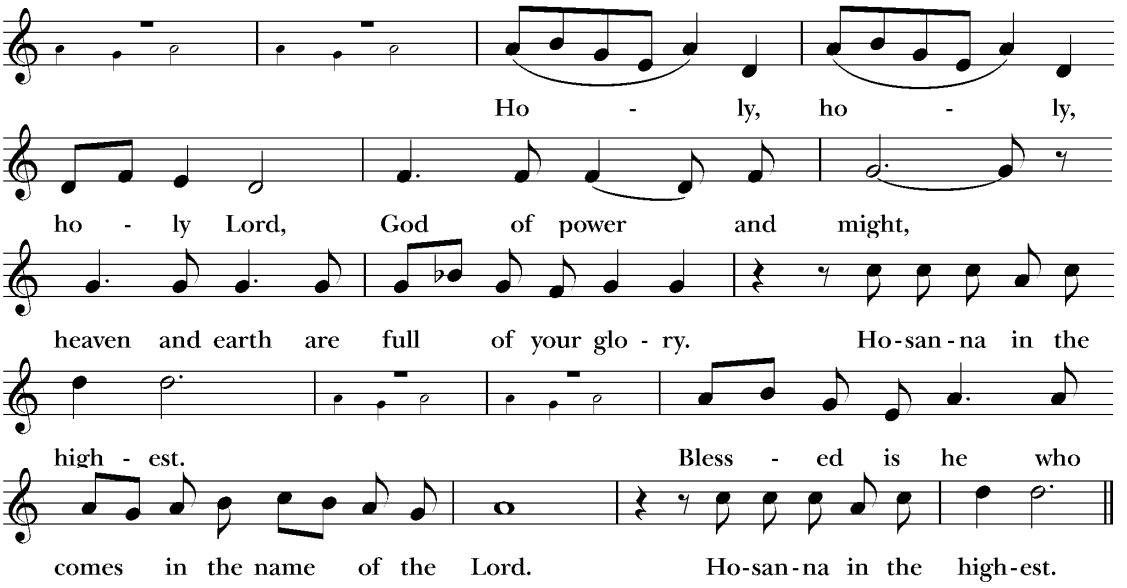
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

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 S-128 William Mathias



The people kneel

Celebrant

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:

Celebrant and people

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

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and people

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is said

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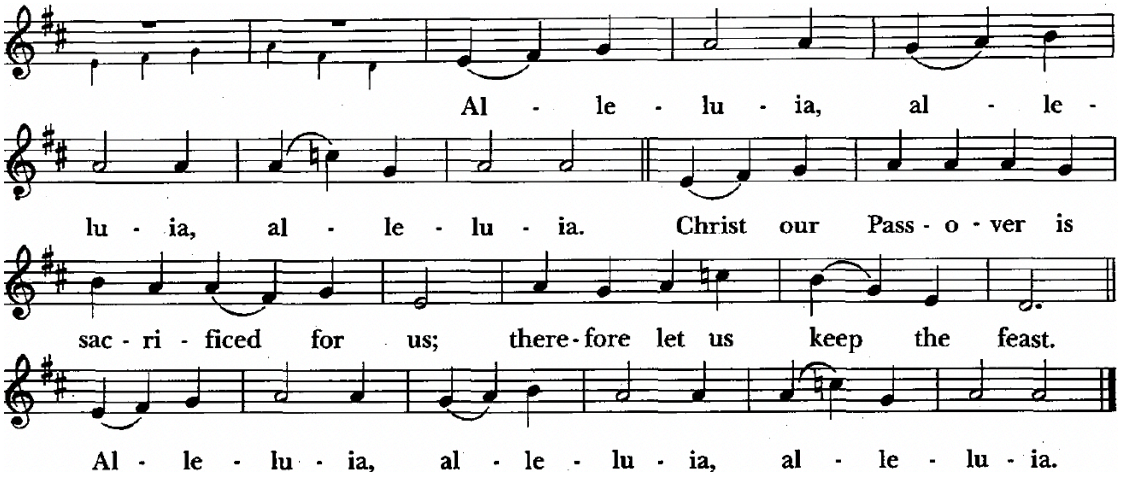
Fraction Anthem S-155 Gerald Near





Sunday School students and teachers are invited to receive first.
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.
Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

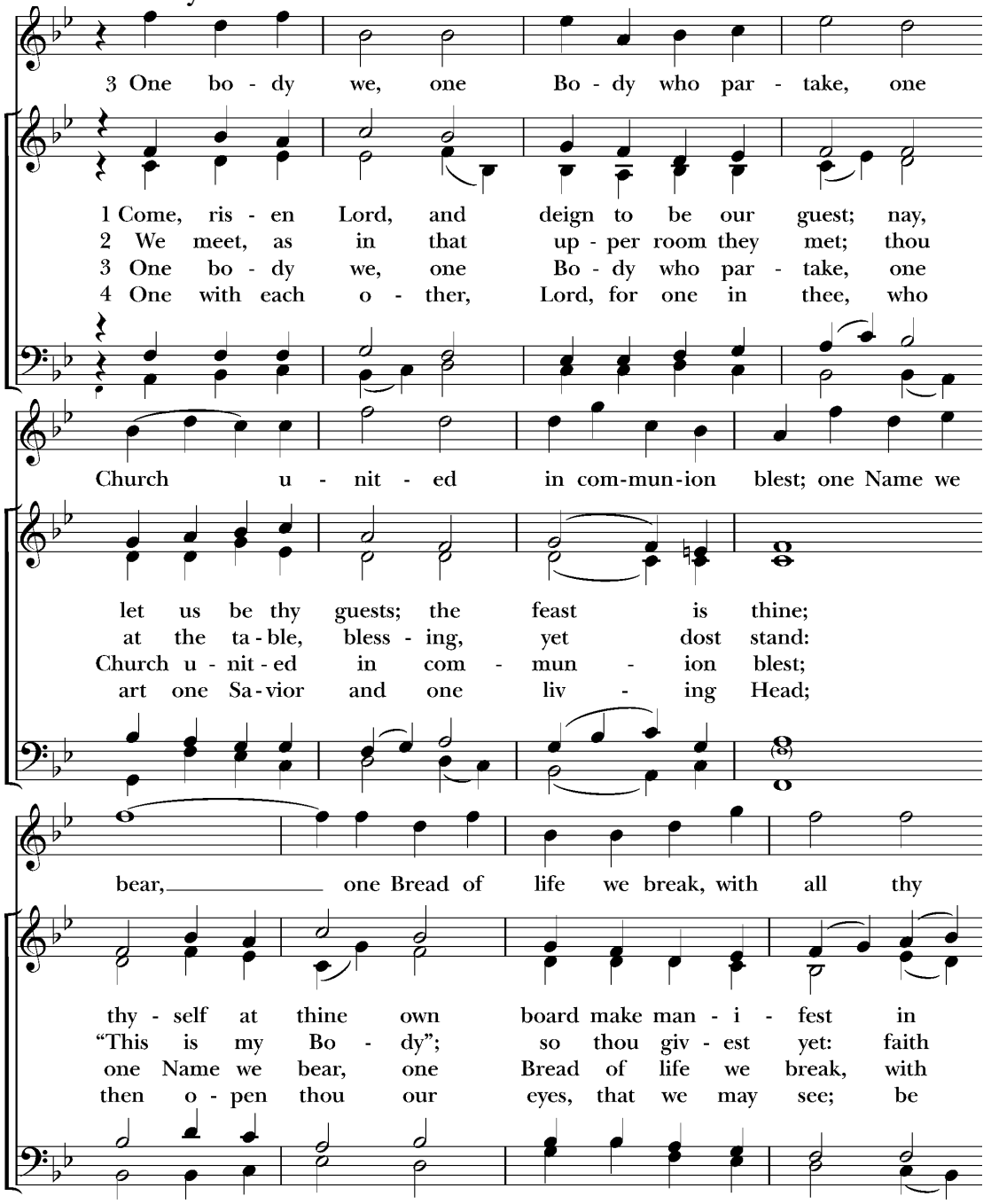
Communion Motet

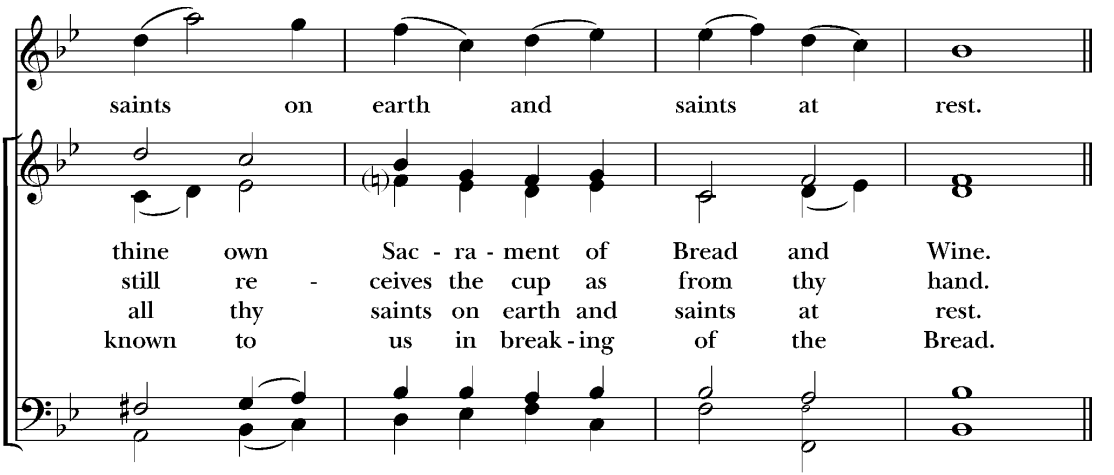
Now the green blade riseth — Arr. Martin Shaw

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green. In the grave they laid Him, love by hatred slain, thinking that He would never wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green. Forth He came in triumph, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again, field of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Communion Hymn 305

Rosedale





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

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.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

Celebrant

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the ✠blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

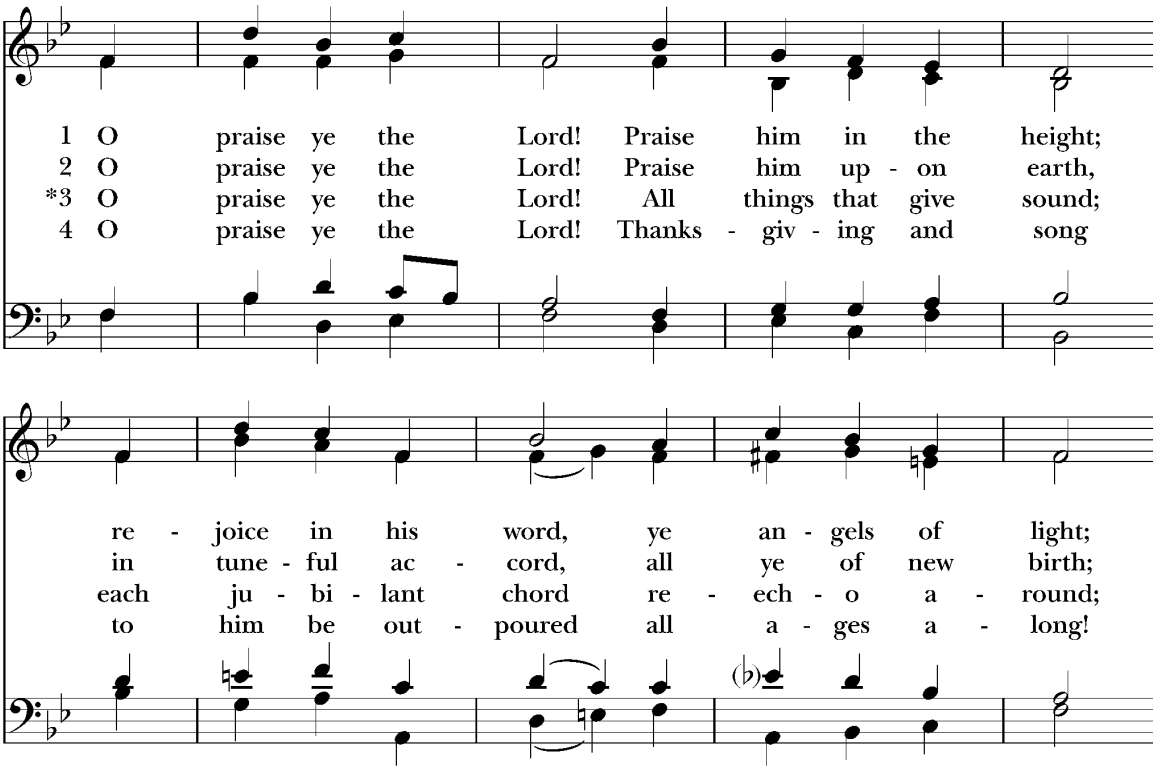
THE DISMISSAL

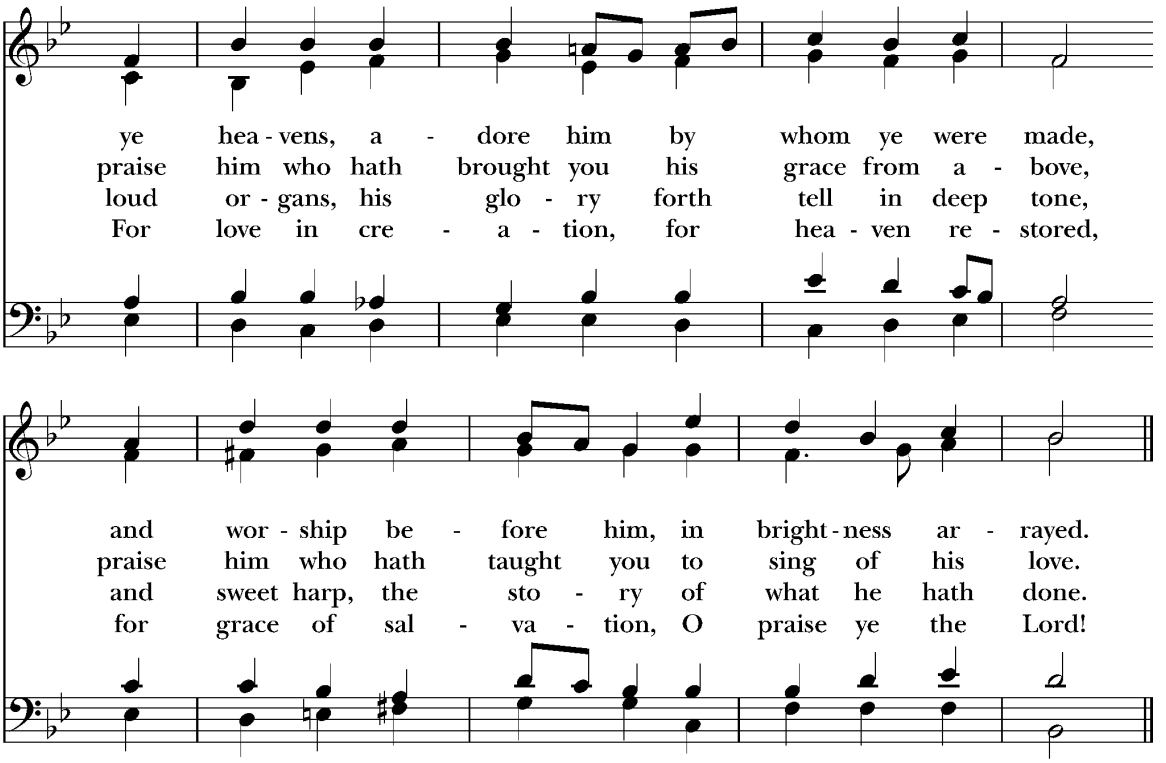
The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The people stand

Processional Hymn 432 *Laudate Dominum*





VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C major (BWV 545)* — J. S. Bach

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

Those who govern: Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg

Our Companion Dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Also remembering in prayer: Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families: Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, Tyler (Libya) and Brandon

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:
April 19: Mike Barna, Jake Johnson, Kim Brown, Karen Moore, Will Lucas
April 20: Michael Purdy, Chris Brown, Tyler Jones, Lauren Orebaugh, Stefan Beuge
April 21: Sam Dolcimascolo, Cindy Gardner, McConnell Barrow
April 22: Robert Diaz
April 23: John Casey, Michele Williams, Shannon Gray, Wade Wankelman, Tripp Hulse, Leigh Gardner, Page Gritte
April 24: Tweed Eckhard, Julie Sevelius, Crystal Madani
April 25: Lisa Couch, Christen Morales, Steve Leatherman, Cindy Livengood

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff, Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks, Richard, Michael Wood, Tor, Collin, Sam, Lee, David, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Carey, Scott, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Minnie, Will, Armando, Berta, Mary, Susan,
Ellie, Patrick, Ann, Gwen, Helen, David W. Reffue, Melinda, Sunny, Davis, Damian, Dave, Charlotte, Alexis, Amy, Cole, Sue, Peyton, Lee, Holly, Stephanie, the Dickerson family, Brandon, Halley, Lisa, Elizabeth, the Morley family and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed

Andy Johnson

Michael Morley

Jo Apthorp

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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