



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

9:00 AM





LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

QUESTIONS?

Please ask. Ushers (wearing the purple welcome lanyards) can answer your questions or concerns, or provide a hearing assist device. All-gender restrooms are available in the northwest stairwell and on the 5th floor of Cathedral House, accessible by elevator or southwest stairwell.

NEW TO SAINT MARK'S?

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or connect with one of the clergy.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The service usually begins with an organ prelude or other music designed to call us into worshipful presence.

PRELUDE Theme and three variations on *Noël nouvelet* (tune of Hymn 204, “Now the green blade riseth”)
Marcel Dupré

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As a gathered community, we join together in praising God in song.

All stand, as able.

HYMN 296 *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more* (sts. 1, 2 & 4) ♦ *The Hymnal 1982* Engelberg

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Assembly **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider **A**Lmighty 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.

All **Amen.**

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, al-might-y God and Father, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

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 is the prayer designated for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 225

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider 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.

All Amen.

The first reading is usually drawn from the Hebrew Scriptures, inviting us to trace our heritage in God's historical covenant with the People of God.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is a sung response to the previous reading. Psalms are the songbook of the Hebrew Scriptures. They express every emotion known to humankind.

PSALM

Psalm 22:24-30 ♦ *St. Helena Psalter*

Simplified Anglican Chant (Kennedy)

The choir alone chant the first two verses, then all join in chanting the rest of the Psalm.



Deus, Deus meus

Choir **M**Y PRAISE is of you in the great as-/ sembly; *
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 All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to you, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow be-/ fore you.
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 be-/ fore you.
My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall / serve you; *
they shall be known as yours for / ever.

Repeat 2nd half of chant:

They shall come and make known to a people yet un-/ born *
the saving deeds that you have / done.

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

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.

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Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The sequence hymn or Gospel acclamation moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news"—specifically the "good news of Jesus Christ."

All stand, as able.

Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed. Children ages 3-8 are then invited to Children's Chapel in Thomsen Chapel. They will return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join their children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor introduces the Alleluias, all repeat them. The cantor sings the verse, then all repeat the Alleluias.



Verse: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus's words and actions.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:1-8*

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

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

The homily directly follows the Gospel because it is grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

Following the homily, the assembly is invited into a period of silence, reflecting on the scriptures and sermon. Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands as the liturgy continues.

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

THE NICENE CREED

Authorized for use by the 1997 General Convention

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. Each week, we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and its leaders, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *After each petition:*

Intercessor Risen Lord,
Assembly **hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

The exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. It is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships prior to coming to God's table for Eucharist.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the mystery and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. Together, these gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Those worshiping in person may place their offering in baskets as they are passed through through the rows.

*Visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right). If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter **2076**.*



ANTHEM*Christo resurgenti*

WORDS: Pierre Portes; MUSIC: François Couperin

*Christo resurgenti,
Christo triumphanti
applaudant sydera.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

With Christ risen,
with Christ triumphant,
the stars clap their hands.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Fide vindicata,
morte superata,
laetentur omnia.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

With faith vindicated,
with death conquered,
all things rejoice.
Alleluia, alleluia.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a lengthy prayer with several intentions. We recount the story of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the *Sursum corda*, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

*All stand, as able.***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***The Scottish Episcopal Church, adapt.**Presider* The Lord be with you.*Assembly* **And also with you.***Presider* Lift up your hearts.*Assembly* **We lift them to the Lord.***Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*Assembly* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

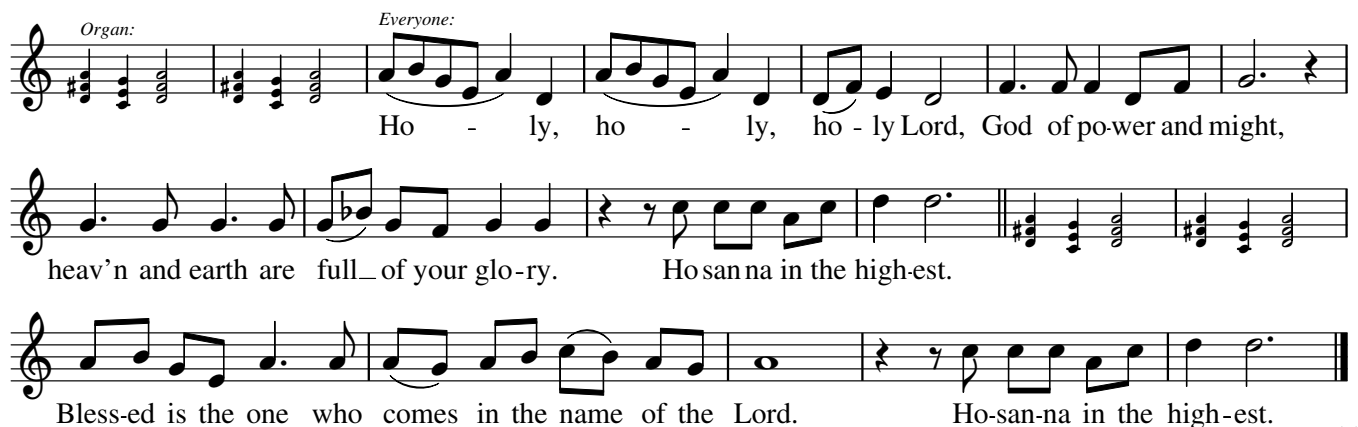
Presider Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory,

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Mathias

Organ:



Everyone:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
heav' n 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.

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

Presider Praise and thanksgiving be to you, God of all:

In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now in every place for ever.
Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
he renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your beloved children.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command, saying together:

**All We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Presider Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a holy living sacrifice.
Hear us, most Holy One,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Reign.

Help us, who are gathered into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary, Mark and all the apostles and prophets,
and of all our siblings living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be to you, God of all creation, world without end.

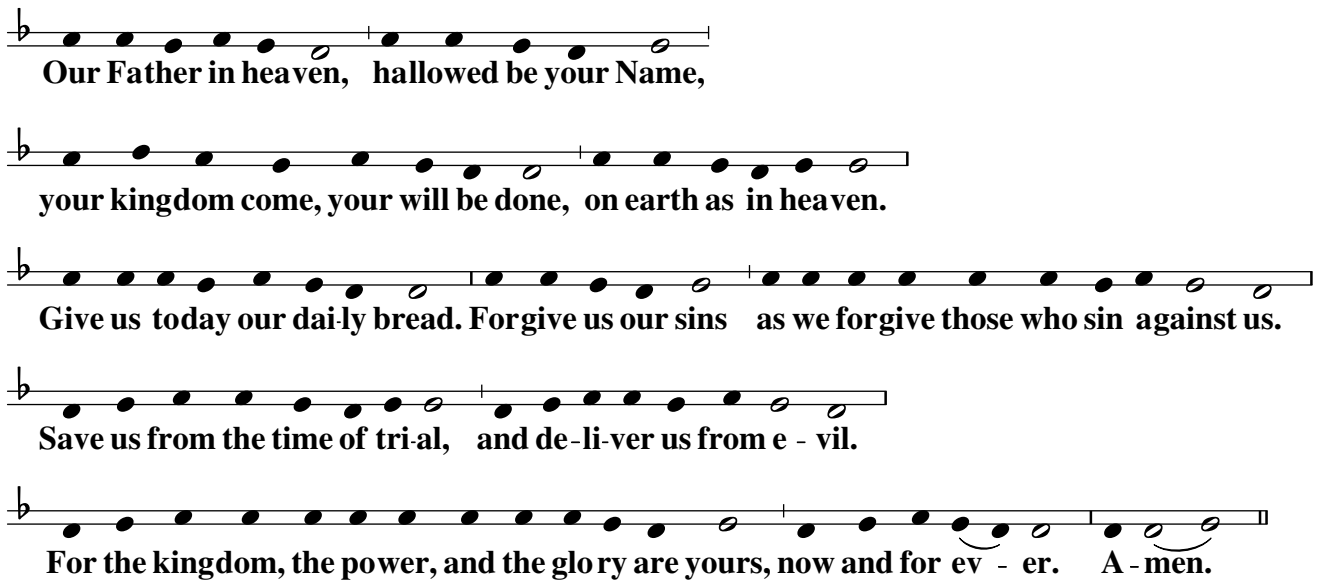
The Great Amen unites the congregation in one great voice as we concur with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "AMEN" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the importance of the congregation's response.

All AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian chant



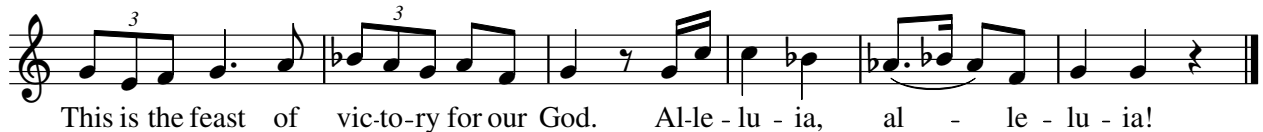
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our dai-ly bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-li-ver us from e - vil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *This is the feast of victory for our God*

Hallock

All sing the antiphon. The choir sings the verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Hymnal 1982 #418, WORDS: after Revelation 5:12-13, ©1978 Augsburg Fortress; MUSIC: ©1984 Peter Hallock.

Verse: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **ANTIPHON**

Verse: Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **ANTIPHON**

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of three aisles. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

VOLUNTARY *John 3:16*

WORDS: John 3:16, MUSIC: B.E. Boykin

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

HYMN 487 *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

The Call

After communion, the assembly is invited to remain seated for a period of silence, contemplating the gifts of God given and received.

From the earliest days of the Church, members of the congregation took bread to those who were ill or could not be present in person.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider One body are we.

Assembly **For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.**

Deacon Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

Before concluding the service, we give thanks to God for the gifts received, and the Presider pronounces a blessing in God's name upon the assembly. A closing hymn and the dismissal conclude the liturgy.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Gracious God,

All **we have broken the bread which is Christ's body;
we have tasted the wine of his new life.**

**We thank you for these gifts
by which we are made one in him
and drawn into that new creation
which is your will for all humanity;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING *The Presider asks God's blessing on the assembly. All respond: Amen.*

HYMN 529 *In Christ there is no east or west ♦ The Hymnal 1982*

McKee

DISMISSAL *The Deacon dismisses the assembly; all respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C, BuxWV 174*

Dietrich Buxtehude

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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The Rev. Canon Richard C. Weyls

preacher

The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason

deacon

The Rev. Earl Grout

assisting lay minister

Alison Leary Estep

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Loy Dahl, Michael Dahl

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Natalie Willis

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Doug Thorpe

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John Carroll

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TBD

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Canon Michael Kleinschmidt and John Stuntebeck, organists

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