

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

April 20, 2025



Easter Sunday

A Service of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM

EASTER LILIES IN THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE

Al and Sally Alvarez - In memory of our parents: William B. Moody, Jr. and Gwanda Jones Moody, and also Rev. Ricardo B. Alvarez and Lidia Ostermann Alvarez

Jeri Anderson - In thanksgiving for family, friends and St. Mary's

Carolyn Andrus - In memory of Betty Newman

Moire Bockenstedt - In memory of Margaret Duggan

Amy and Steve Craig - In thanksgiving for Fred, Jack, Diana, and the kids

Charlene Davis - In memory of Nana Mary Hughes

Hannah, Trigg, and Trevor Davis - In memory of Evo

Valerie Baffone - In memory of Catherine Baffone

Michael, Nancy, Jesse and Cassidy Burke - In thanksgiving for the People of St. Mary's

Ruth Fahl - In memory of Charlie Fahl

Rebecca Guerrero - In memory of Manuel & Amparo Guerrero from their grandchildren and daughter, and also in memory of Eugene & Dorothy Bradley from their grandchildren

Hugh and Janet Gellert - In memory of departed family

Molly Haas - In memory of Michael Haas

Thad Hunter - In thanksgiving for Hayden and Lily, and also in memory of Jim and Shirley Hunter

Linda Johnson - In memory of my sister Helen

Adam Lees - In memory of Melissa Ann Hummer Middleton

Karol Libbey - In memory of Bob Libbey

Emily Low - To the Glory of God!

Mary McLaughlin - In memory of Douglas E. McLaughlin Sr., Greta Ingmire, and Gert Maloney Manley, and also to the Glory of God always!

Hannah Moderow - In thanksgiving for the community of St. Mary's

Shannon Nelson - In memory of Kenneyon Baker

Lizzie Newell - In memory of June and Bernie Pausback

John and A.J. Shiveley - To the Glory of God!

Jack and Sherrie Simmonds - In memory of Jack's parents Bill and Beverly

Margaret Sharrow - In thanksgiving for the life of Mary Shier

Jann and Bob Sherrill - In thanksgiving for Sabina and Alicia, and also in memory of Caroleena, Jimmy, Doris, and Debra

Alice Smith - In memory of our niece Elaine Graham

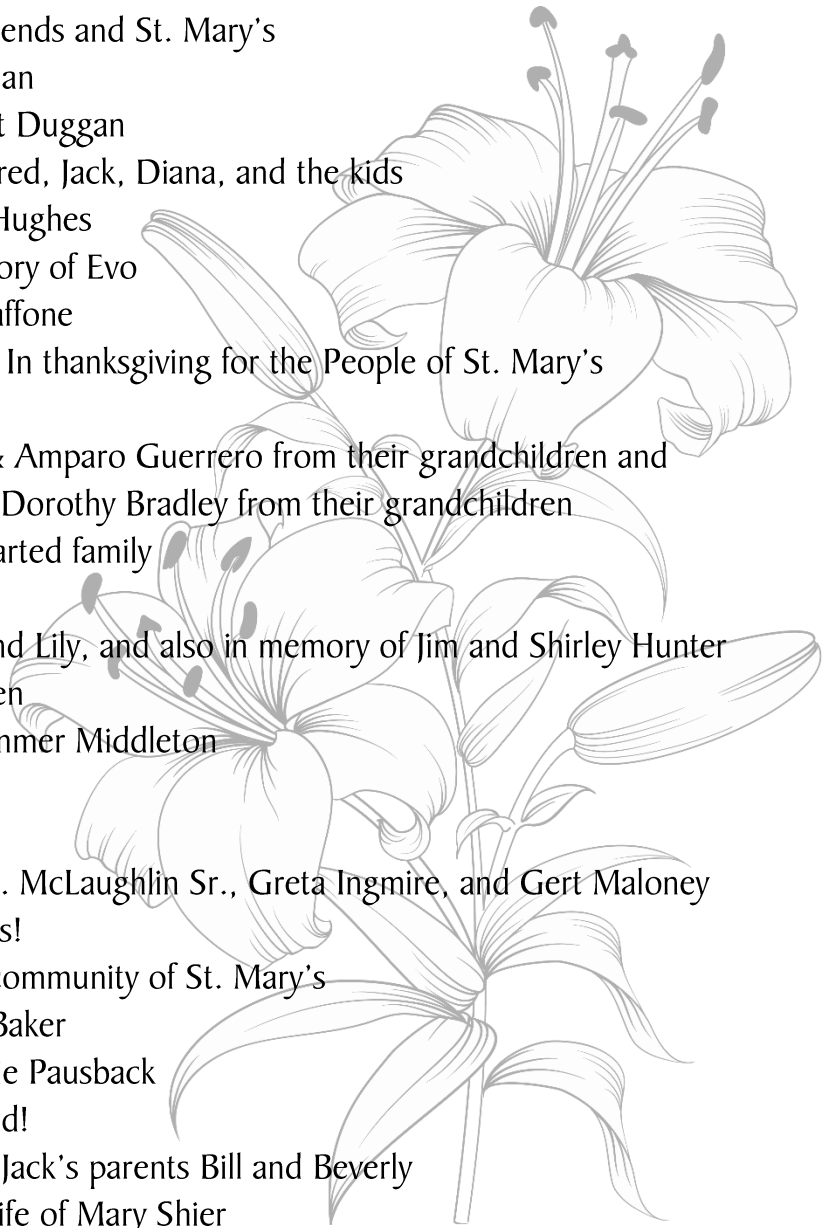
Barbara Stek - In memory of my parents Ralph and May Wagner

Sara Stoops - In memory of Claire Fitzgerald

Jane Thomas - In memory of Mary and Ken Showalter

Ammie Tremblay - In thanksgiving for the beauty of our life, the people of our life, and paths we endure on our journey Home, to our Father. Glory to you Lord Christ!

Anonymous - In thanksgiving for the ministry of Lilly Hunter!



Delighting in This World

Here. Now. As It Is. As You Are. As We Are.

Working toward God's Dream

For Everyone. For Everything. All the Time.

St. Mary's is a community of delight and service, rooted in the love of God made known in the world around us and in the way of Jesus.

This place is open to all – no matter what questions you have, or where you find yourself on your spiritual journey. Our prayer is that we may be for you a place of healing, delight, meaningful community, and flourishing life.

Especially to those whose experience with religion has not been life-giving, please know that there is hope and life and laughter beyond the pain of the past. The healing power of God's grace and love gives new life to a world of promise and hope--a world worth delighting in.

Here. Now. As it is. As you are. As we are.

Blessings and peace to you this holy day.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2222 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

(907) 563-3341 www.GodsView.org

GROUPS CURRENTLY ACTIVE AT ST. MARY'S

Short Informal Service, followed by breakfast - *Wed. mornings 7:00 -7:20 am*

Men's Small Group Bible Study - *Thurs. mornings 7:00 - 8:00 am*

Fierce Women's Bible Study- *Mondays at 6:00 pm*

Afternoon Bible Study (Book of Job) - *Fridays at 1 :00 pm*

Women's Book Group

Christian dream work and reflection groups

Taize-style worship - *Third Thursdays at 7 pm in the Chapel (in the A-frame)*

Scouts, *for info call Brad Sewell, (907)346-43 1 4*

Women's Knitting Circle

Bazaar Team (*craft making, jams, jellies, fabric art*). *Times vary throughout year*

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation, *various times, Waldron Hall*

Sr. High Youth Group activities, trips and events, *various times*

Jr. High Youth Group activities, trips and events, *various times*

Sunday School, *ages 4-1 9, Sundays at 1 1:30am-12:30 pm, downstairs level*

Godly Play - *Montessori-based exploration of the stories of Jesus, ages 4 and up, Sundays, 10 am, downstairs level*

Sanctuary Choir - *Rehearsal on Wednesdays from 6:15 pm-7: 1 5 pm*

Praise Singers roots music group - *Rehearsal on Wednesdays from 7:30pm - 8:30pm*

Christians for Equality (Social Justice) - *Meets monthly 563-3341 ext. 14 for info*

Healing From Purity Culture group

St. Mary's Creative Playschool events - *various, throughout the year*

Numerous events at The Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

Plus, various retreats, workshop, presentations, outreach teams, & celebrations all year long.

Looking for community, fellowship, and service? Come join us!

*Find out more at **GodsView.org**, by calling (907)563-3341, or please feel free to ask a member of our clergy after the service today.*

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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

PRESIDER AND PREACHER: The Rev. Michael Burke, *Rector*
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez, *Associate Rector*
GOSPEL READER: The Rev. Ross McKay, *Deacon*
READER: Cole Barker and Alexei Batischev
THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: Cory Johnson
MUSICIANS: Praise Singers
MEDIA SPECIALIST: Seth Eggleston

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC • *Good Morning, This is the Day!* • Author unknown

Verse 1 *Good morning, this is the day,
Good morning, this is the day,
Good morning, this is the day
That the Lord has made.*

Verse 2 *We will rejoice and be glad (3x)
Lift up our hands and praise His name.*

Verse 3 *Christ is risen today! (3x)
Alleluia, alleluia!*

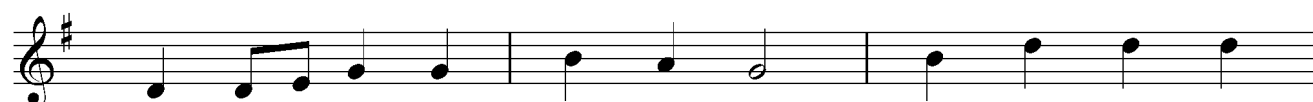
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GATHERING MUSIC • *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* • Hymnal #580

1 God, who stretched the span - gled hea - vens in - fi - nite in
 *2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern ci - ties, state - ly build - ings,
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge



time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
 row on row; yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing,
 of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
 us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,



through the si - lent fields of space: we, your chil - dren
 stare on can - yoned streets be - low, where the lone - ly
 through un - trav - eled realms of space; probed the se - crets
 serv - ing o - thers, hon - oring you. May our dreams prove



in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
 drift un - no - ticed in the ci - ty's ebb and flow,
 of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun:



Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing,
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing,
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance



show us what we yet may do.
 scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 till our goals and yours are one.

GATHERING MUSIC • *Now the Green Blade Riseth from the Buried Grain* • Hymnal #204

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



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



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



Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

GATHERING MUSIC • *Alleluia! The Great Storm is Over* • Bob Frank

Verse 1 The thunder and lightning gave voice to the night;
 the little lame child cried aloud in her fright.
 "Hush, little baby, a story I'll tell,
 of a love that has vanquished the powers of hell.

CHORUS Alleluia, the great storm is over, lift up your wings and fly!
 Alleluia, the great storm is over, lift up your wings and fly!

Verse 2 "Sweetness in the air, and justice on the wind,
 laughter in the house where the mourners had been.
 The deaf shall have music, the blind have new eyes,
 the standards of death taken down by surprise.

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REPEAT CHORUS

Verse 3 "Release for the captives, an end to the wars,
new streams in the desert, new hope for the poor.
The little lame children will dance as they sing,
and play with the bears and the lions in spring.

REPEAT CHORUS

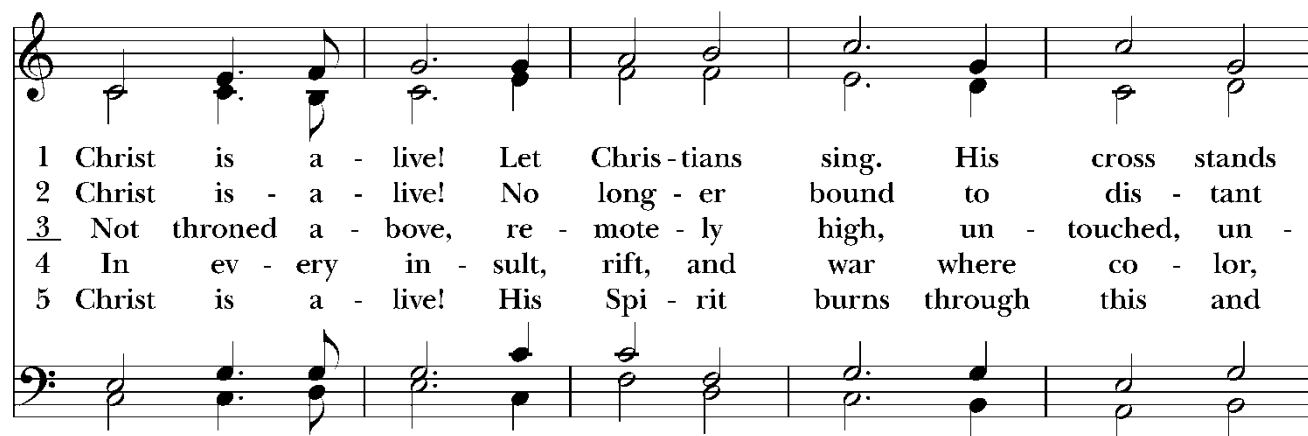
Verse 4 "Hush little baby, let go of your fear:
the Lord loves his own, and your mother is here."
The child fell asleep as the lantern did burn.
The mother sang on 'till her Bridegroom's return.

REPEAT CHORUS

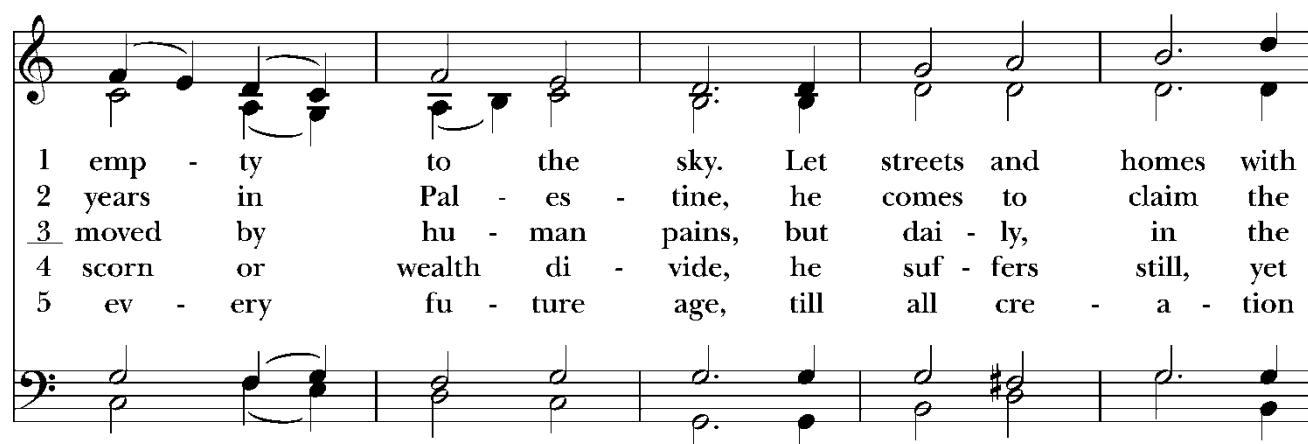
WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

OPENING HYMN • *Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing*, v. 1, 2, and 5 • Hymnal #182

As able, all stand



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



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

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

OPENING SENTENCES

As able, all remain standing

Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

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.***

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Priest God be with you.

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

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

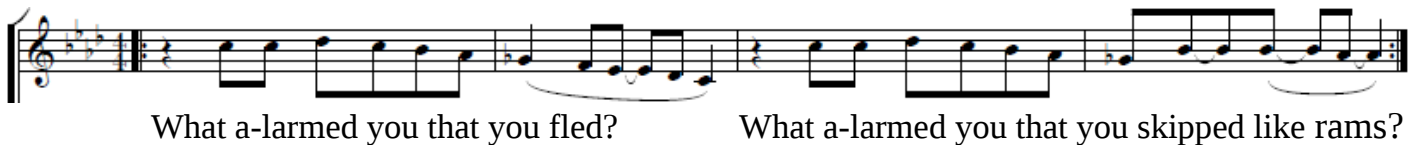
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 114

ANTIPHON



When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became a sanctuary,
and Israel a dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
the mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turned the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a flowing spring.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Reader A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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



***GOSPEL HYMN • Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord • Hymnal #178**

As able, all stand

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

14 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

***THE GOSPEL • Luke 24:13-49**

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

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

Priest Now on that same day, the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose NAME was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed 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 they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the

road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence

SERMON • The Rev. Michael Burke

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH



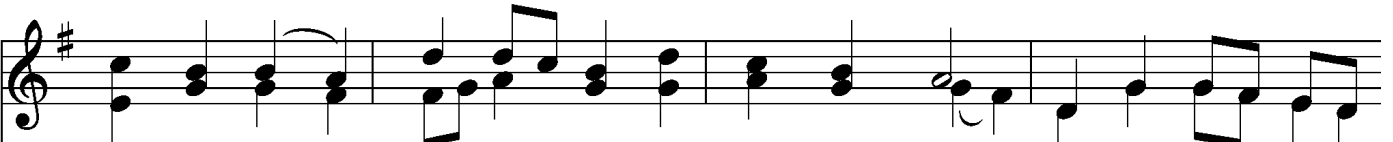
1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
 2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
 3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the



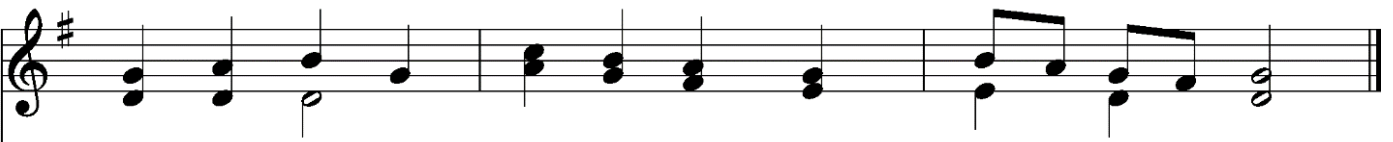
things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,



Keep - er of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in
 True Life there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's



God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

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 Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop; and all bishops and ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or via chat boxes

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.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

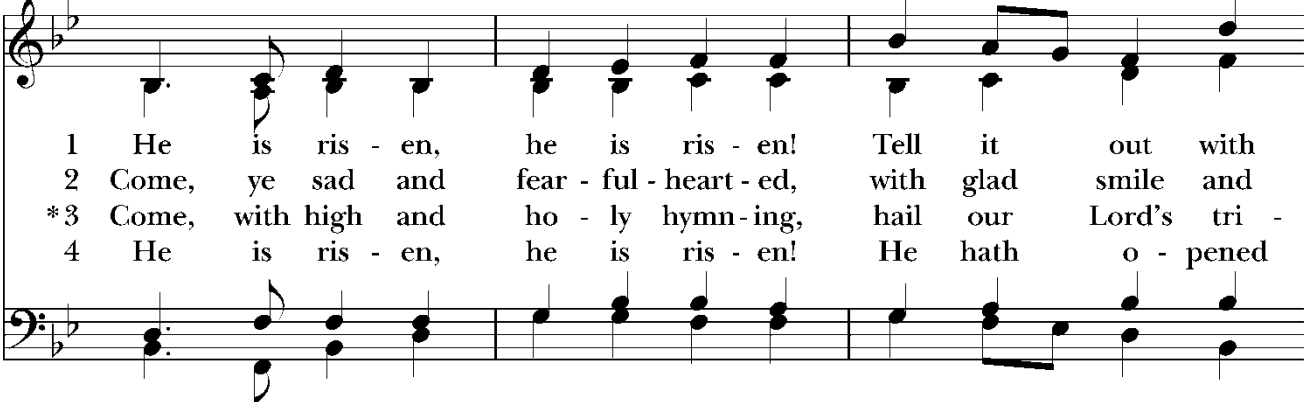
People And also with you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

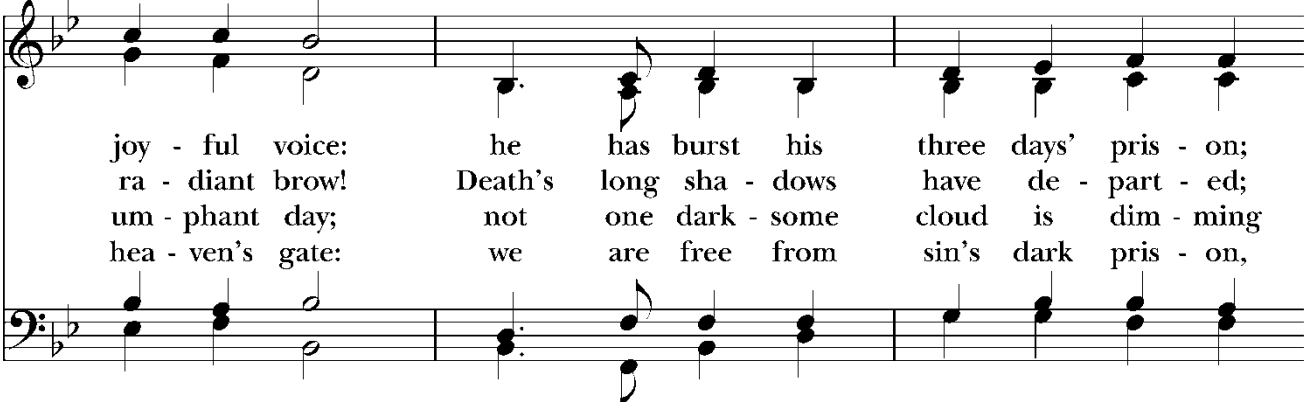
OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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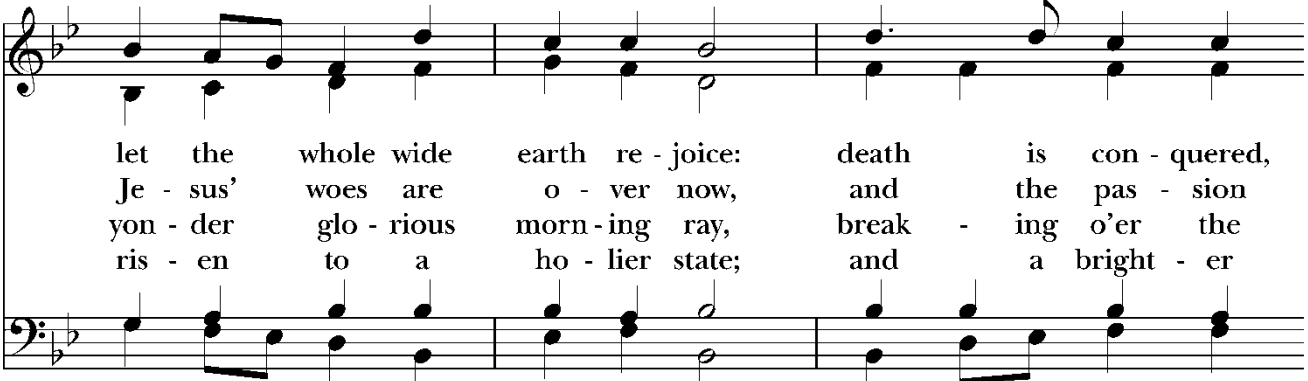


OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *He is Risen, He is Risen* • Hymnal #180


1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened



joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er



we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

***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!*

***PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

***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 right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.
With your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
We thank you that you make us human
and stay with us even when we turn away from you.
Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and sing:

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***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.

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,
 for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
 once for all on the cross
 to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin and brokenness of the world,
 that all who believe in him might have eternal and abundant life.

The night before he died,
 Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks,
 he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
 do this to remember me. 

After supper he took the cup,
 and when he had given you thanks,
 he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you,
 for this is my blood of the new covenant
 which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins;
 do this as often as you drink it, to remember me. 

Priest Therefore, loving God,
 in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
 we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Celebrant and People

*Christ has died,
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come in glory.*

A Priest continues

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
 we were far off until you brought us near
 and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
 through the power of your Holy Spirit
 feed us with your heavenly food,
 renew us in your service,
 unite us in Christ,

and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;
 how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

Celebrant and People

*From you, and through you, and for you are all things.
 To you be the glory for ever. AMEN.* 

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men, A - men.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

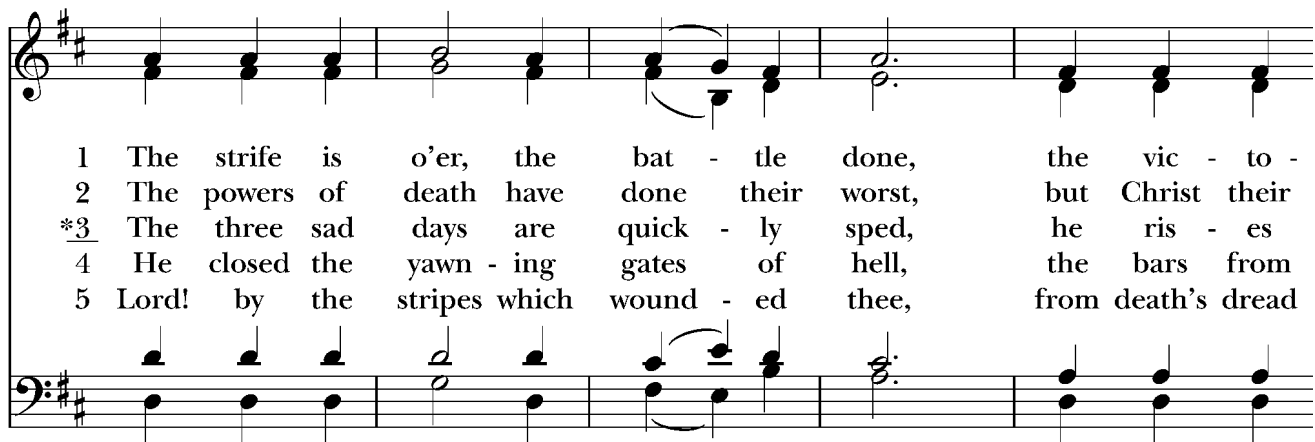
COMMUNION HYMN • *Begin Sweet World (instrumental)*

-The Second Communion Hymn can be found on the next page-

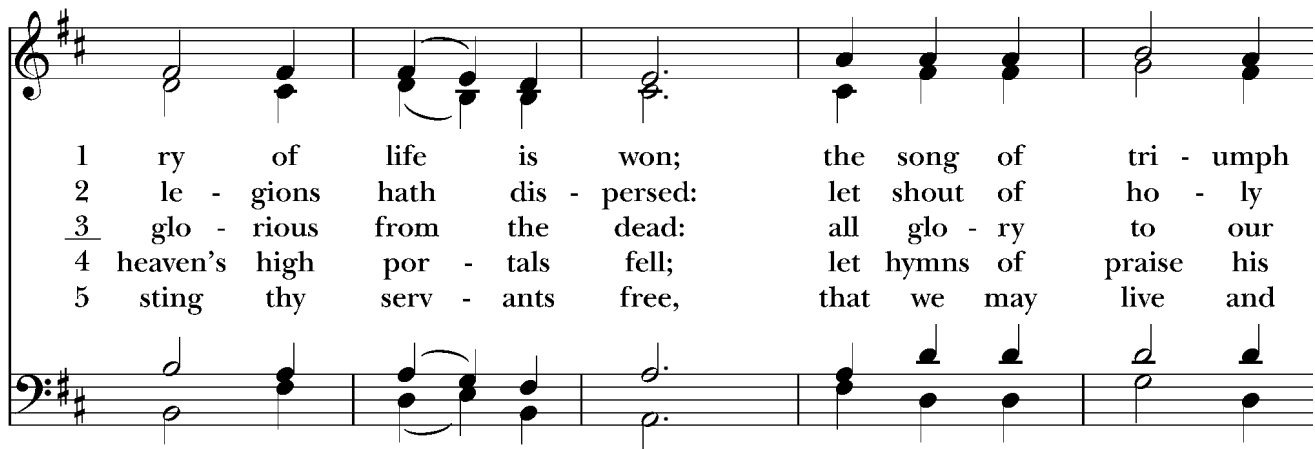
COMMUNION HYMN • *The Strife is O'er* • Hymnal #208*Antiphon (at the beginning)*


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and



1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

COMMUNION HYMN • *Follow the Risen Lord* • W. H. Miller

CHORUS *You've got to follow the Risen Lord,
(Yes) Follow the Risen Lord,
And the Spirit is a-movin' for to carry you to freedom,
So follow the Risen Lord.*

Verse 1 If you're living in misery, existing in captivity,
You can break out from your prison with the man who is risen,
Follow the Risen Lord.

REPEAT CHORUS

Verse 2 If you're in bondage in Babylon, and you're wonderin' how to carry on,
With a prayer and a promise and an eye on the distance,
Follow the Risen Lord.

REPEAT CHORUS

BRIDGE When the sun comes back and the first quail calls,
Follow the Risen Lord
Then slip away from Babylon's halls,
Follow the Risen Lord
You're not alone and you won't get lost,
Follow the Risen Lord
If you keep your eye on that Rugged Cross,
Follow the Risen Lord
It's up to you, you've got to choose,
Follow the Risen Lord
Your prison chains are all you'll lose.
Follow the Risen Lord

Additional call and response verses may be improvised.

REPEAT CHORUS TWICE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life

and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people

in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

A priest blesses the people

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 on next page)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!* • Hymnal #207

As able, all stand.

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

A priest says Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Those using Zoom are invited to join breakout rooms for conversation and fellowship. Those on campus are invited to Waldron Hall for brunch, fellowship, and an Easter Egg Hunt!

Ann Spohnholz Community Garden

A partnership of neighbors helping neighbors

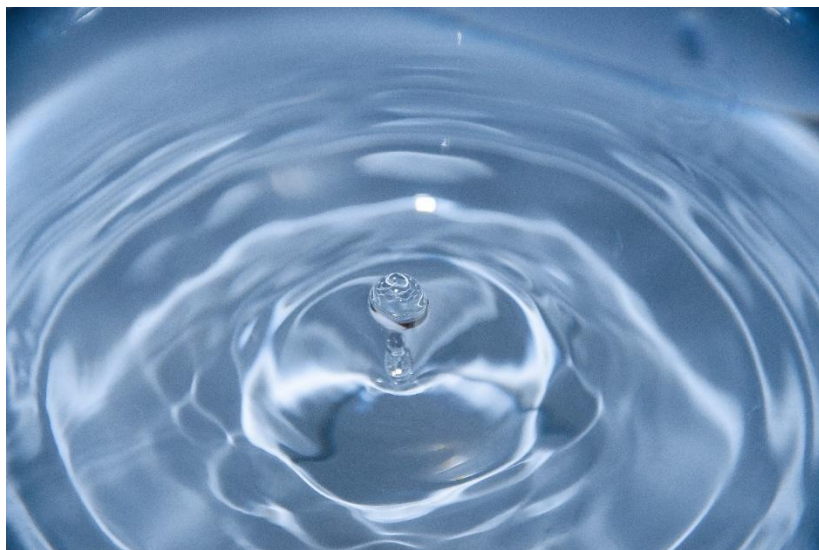


Growing fresh and healthy food for families facing food insecurity, since 2019

Contact Michael Burke at Michael@GodsView.org to reserve a garden plot today!

HOLY BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, OR ADULTS

We have rejoiced in celebrating a number of baptisms recently, and we are planning more in the near future. Email Rev. Israel at: Israel@GodsView.org to discuss scheduling, or to find out if baptism is right for you!



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PARTNERS IN SERVICE

In 2024 and 2025, St. Mary's has partnered with over seventy-five groups and organizations through a combination of joint programing, provision of services, building use, or pastoral care services or funding.

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis
(AWAIC)

Alaskans for Better Choices /
Volunteers of America (DUI re-
education / victim impact panels)

Alaska Coalition to End
Homelessness

Best Beginnings (early childhood
education)

Partners in Homeless Education

United Thank Offering (UTO)

Malawi Children's Village

Children's Lunchbox – Hunger
Program

The Episcopal Diocese of AK

Episcopal Native Ministries

Faith Into Tomorrow

Diocesan Investment Committee

Commission on Ministry

South Central Deanery

Episcopal Prison Ministry

Fellowship In Serving Humanity

Helping Hand Bags

P.L.U.M.E. Ecumenical Ministry

Anchorage Interfaith Council

Anchorage Faith In Action -

Congregations Together (AFACT)

Dancing in the Spirit Ministries

Numerous 12-Step recovery
groups:

St. Mary's Creative Playschool

Alaska Native Medical Center -

pastoral care department

Brother Francis Shelter

Beans Café

99+ 1 (Homelessness)

First Christian Church After School
Program

Nasenga Primary School (Malawi)

The Anchorage Gospel Rescue
Mission

Anchorage Coalition to End
Homelessness

Nets for Life (Malaria Prevention)

Episcopal Relief and Development

Older Persons Action Group

Christians For Equality
Homeward Bound / Karluk Manor
Hope Community Resources
Sand Lake parishes- Malawi, Africa
Identity, Inc. – civil rights
The Alaska Christian Conference
Thomas Center for Senior Leadership
Red Cross - Disaster Relief
New Chance Ministries Ukrainian
Refugee Relief
The Lullaby Project at Hiland
Mountain
Bread for the World
Open Arms Orphan Nursery
(Malawi)
Choosing Our Roots (COR)
Arciniega Productions Youth
Program
Covenant House Alaska
Hope Community Resources
Henning, Inc. (Homelessness)
AK Cubs Closet (kids and families)
St. Mary's Rapid Rehousing Fund
Nkope School for the Blind

The Queen's Guard
Knitters of the North
Community Yoga for Elders
Girdwood Chapel
Hospice of Anchorage
I-Act Little Ripples Program
PILA Global (kids at the border)
AK Correctional Ministries
Assist Ukraine (refugees)
Underground Pride
Water.org (safe water – developing
world)
Magic Yarn Project (kids w/cancer)
Newborns in Need – AK Chapter
The Listening Post
Cafecito Bonito
Anchor Gardens
Facing Foster Care
Cub Scouts / Scouting
Tudor Elementary School
The Alaska Conference of the
United Methodist Church
Inside Out Faith

NEW TO ST. MARY'S?

Welcome! Here are some helpful links to better familiarize yourself with our vibrant and inclusive community.

Main website: GodsView.org *(named after the view from the sanctuary)*

Newsletter: GodsView.org/newsletter-signup/

Calendar of Events: GodsView.org/news-and-events

Happy Easter!



Easter Brunch

Following this service
Waldron Hall
Food and fellowship for everyone!

Easter Egg Hunts for Children and Youth

After Easter Brunch
Two egg hunts, one for each age group
Come join the fun!

Check your newsletter or visit GodsView.org
for the full calendar of Bible studies and other events!

HELP FILL MARTHA'S BASKET

In order to live into our goal of becoming a more fully welcoming community, we would like to start collecting food to support our friends in the congregation who are in need. Like "Martha's Pantry", which in the past has been a source of premade meals for members of St. Mary's who are in need of additional care and support, Martha's Basket will provide supplies for a meal for about 5 people; but we anticipate focusing more on shelf-stable food items than on ready-to-cook dishes. No member of St. Mary's should be worried about where their next meal is coming from. Please join us in caring for one another.



We would like to collect easy-to-eat shelf-stable foods for "grab bags", and shelf-stable foods and long-lasting produce items for meal components. Some suggestions are pilot bread, peanut butter, tuna or chicken pouches, wet wipe pouches, and bags for grab bags; and canned food, dried fruit or nuts, and durable produce like apples. Items may be dropped off in the Outreach collection area by the Wiggle Room. If you have questions or would like to help plan how we will fill Martha's Basket, email [Maggie Mckay](#) or [Sara Stoops](#).

Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

April 20-27, 2025

Easter Sunday and Easter Week

Visit <https://www.godsview.org/newsletter-signup/>
to sign up for our newsletter



Sunday, April 20

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online;

ID 940 3189 1877

11:30 am Easter Brunch

Waldron Hall

12 pm Easter Egg Hunts

Locations TBA, depending on weather

Monday, April 21

5 pm Yoga and Relaxation

Room 1

6 pm Fierce Women Bible Study

Room 2

Tuesday, April 22

12 pm Yoga and Relaxation

Room 1

4 pm Exploring Spiritual Direction

Cay's Room

6 pm Strong Parents Alaska

Waldron Hall

Wednesday, April 23

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

6:15 pm Organ Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, April 24

7 am Men's Group

Waldron Hall

4 pm Memorial Service for Bill Sharrow

Sanctuary

7 pm Bible Explorers

Online; [click here](#) or see newsletter

Friday, April 25

1 pm Afternoon Bible Study

Cay's Room

Saturday, April 26

10 am Bazaar Workshop

Waldron Hall

Sunday, April 27

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Chapel

9 am Christian Formation

Cay's Room & classrooms

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877

10 am Godly Play

Room 1

11:20 am Fellowship Hour

Waldron Hall

1 pm Healing from Purity Culture

Cay's Room

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary