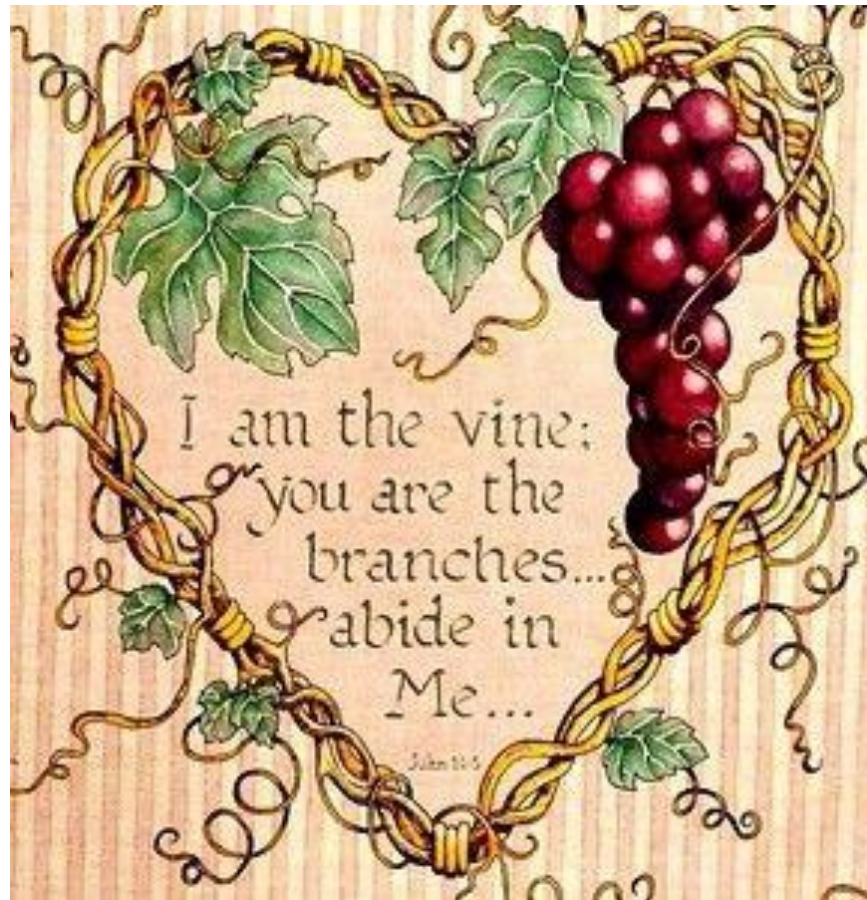


**The Episcopal/Anglican Church of the Blessed Redeemer
Mission Church in the Diocese of Central Florida**
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024 ~ 9:00 A.M.
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



"I Am the Vine" by Karla Dornacher

1225 DeGroot Road SW, Palm Bay, Florida 32908

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise: give thanks to Him and praise His name." (Psalm 100:4)

Blessed Redeemer's Mission:

Our mission is to nurture, love, teach, and grow a loving community in Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

Blessed Redeemer's Vision:

Our vision is to inspire belief and renew faith for those seeking God.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II on April 28, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

*H = Hymnal 1982; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; PCB = Pew Chorus Book;
LEV = Lift Every Voice hymnal*

Worship Assistants for Today

Ushers: Gloria Shippey & Sybil Lundie-Cross

Crucifer/Acolyte/Eucharistic Minister: Verona Dyer

Readers: Claudette Linton & Rosey Campbell-McIntosh

Prayer Leader: Amru Bromfield

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn ~ **New Every Morning Is the Love** (H 10) [“Melcombe”]
John Keble and Samuel Webbe

- 1 **New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and
power and thought.**
- 2 **New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes
of heaven.**
- 3 **If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.**
- 4 **Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each
we see;
Some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross
and care.**
- 5 **The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves; a road to bring us daily nearer God.**
- 6 **Only, O Lord, in thy dear love, fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.**

Opening Sentences (BCP 355)

Officiant **Alleluia. Christ is risen.**

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

Collect for Purity (BCP 355)

Officiant 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.**

Song of Praise ~ Come Christians, Join to Sing

Christian Henry Bateman and "Madrid" tune

- 1 **Come, Christians, join to sing—Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King—Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**
- 2 **Come, lift your hearts on high—Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky—Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend, to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**
- 3 **Praise yet our Christ again—Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain—Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (BCP 225)

Priest The Lord 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.**

THE LESSONS *(please be seated)*

The First Lesson ~ Acts 8:26-40 [Claudette Linton]

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

The Psalm ~ Psalm 22:24-30 (BCP 612) [Claudette Linton]

Leader Let us read a portion of Psalm 22 responsively by whole verse, with the congregation reading the bold verses.

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

25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: “May your heart live for ever!”**

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

27 **For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.**

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

29 **My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.**

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson ~ 1 John 4:7-21 [Rosey Campbell-McIntosh]

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of 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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ~ We Will Glorify

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1 **We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**

2 **Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**

The Gospel Lesson ~ John 15:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **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.

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

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- 2 Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian Turner

The Nicene Creed (BCP 358) *(please stand)*

Deacon Please stand as you are able as we reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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 (BCP 388) [Amru Bromfield] (*standing or kneeling*)

Leader Please join me in the Prayers of the People for this morning.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the congregations and clergy of All Souls Episcopal Church and Church of the Messiah in Winter Garden. In Palm Bay, we pray for Joy Lutheran Church, Church of Our Savior, and the other Christian churches in this community. We pray for our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Justin, our Diocesan Bishop; Dabney, our Assisting Bishop; Greg, our Bishop Retired; Lloyd, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Honduras; Stephen and Mary, missionaries with the São Paulo Mercy Ministry in Brazil; our priests, Brian and Amy; and our deacon, Pat. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for Joe our President, Ron our Governor, Rob our Mayor, for Congress, and for the Courts. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the students, teachers, staff, and families of Riviera, Turner, and Westside Elementary Schools, Odyssey Charter School, Bayside High School, Florida Prep Academy, and all schools during this school year. We pray for the children in Brevard County being fed and nourished by The Children's Hunger Project on the weekends. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the sick, for those recovering, and for their caregivers, especially those on our parish prayer list, who we pray for by first name: **Faith** Abrams, **Kiva** Alberga, **Hildred** Alleyne, **Max** Andrews, **Maria & Joseph** Auld, **Cecil** Bartley, **Makhari** Bell, **Ervin** Blackwood, **Nelson** Blair, **Cheryl** Bocox, **Andre** Bowen, **Karen** Brogan, **Rocco** Cafaro, **Edly** Campbell, **Janet** Campbell, **Lucille** Campbell, **Sheila** Campbell, **Raymond & Noreen** Chin, **Beverly** Chung, **Yannique** Clare, **Debbie** Cole, **Antonio** Combs, **Bishop Michael** Curry, **Erdley** Davis, **Grace** Davis, **Hazel** Dawkins, **Ch'ade** Delotte-Bennett, **Rev. Tracy** Dugger, **Irma** Eaton, **Sonia** Edinboro, **Vincent** Evelyn, **Antoinette** Fisher, **Juliet** Fisher, **Judith** Goldson, **Leonard** Gonzalves, **Gabrielle** Gordon, **Eloise** Grant, **Jessica** Guttman, **Prudence** Guy, **Jonathan** Haggerty, **Winsam** Harley-Chin, **Norma** Harvey, **Rubina** Haywood, **Don** Hurlston, **Jeanetta** James, **Judd** Jarkovsky, **Joye** Jennings, **David** Johnson, **Donna** Johnson, **Errol & Sandra** King, **Joy** King, **Andrew** Lawrence, **Tatlyn** Lee, **Kenrick** Locke, **Phyllis** Lopez, **Raeburn & Yvonne** Lyte, **Leila** Manning, **Gwen** McCalla, **Lena** McFarlane, **Norma** Morris, **Carole** Peterson, **Gloria** Phillips, **Phylcia** Reid, **Franck** Riphin, **Eric** Roberts, **Ann** Robinson, **Theresa** Robinson, **Edna** Rowe, **Aubrey** St Kitt, **Rupert** Skeen, **Harold** Sowards, **Norma** Stewart, **Neville** Stewart, **Peter** Stewart, **Winston & Linley** Swaby, **Naomi** Thame, **Joyce** Thomas, **Keanna** Thomas, **Melissa** Thomas, **Paul & Yvonne** Thompson, **Winston** Thompson, **Hyacinth** Vassell, **Michael** Vassell, **Rev. Horace**

Ward, **Doris** Watson, **Carol** Watson-Miller, **Barbara** Woodbine, **Angela** Wooten; and those we name now. (*Your own petitions are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.*)

Leader We pray also for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Haiti, and all those suffering from war and strife. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Jeff Ashmeade on the 10-year anniversary of his death today, Harold Thame on the 3-year anniversary of his death on Tuesday, Freda Flash on the 2-year anniversary of her death on Thursday, and those we name now. (*Your own petitions are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.*)

Leader We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We also give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, for the healing that you have provided, and for all the prayers which you have answered, especially those we name now. (*Your thanksgivings and praise reports are invited either aloud or silently in your heart.*)

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect (BCP 394)

Deacon Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter as part of our celebration of the new life, forgiveness, and grace offered to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Altar Prayers

If you are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary or another thanksgiving, or desire prayer for traveling, healing, or other needs, you're invited to come forward at this time for a blessing with the laying on of hands and anointing at the altar. Please kneel or stand at the altar rail, and the clergy will offer a prayer for your needs. During this prayer time, the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns:

Prayer Hymn ~ Come by Here (Kum Bah-Ya) (LEV 162)

Traditional Negro Spiritual

- 1 **Come by here, Lord, come by here,
Come by here, Lord, come by here,
Come by here, Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.**
- 2 **Someone needs you, Lord, come by here,
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here,
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.**
- 3 **Send a blessing, Lord, come by here,
Send a blessing, Lord, come by here,
Send a blessing, Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.**

Prayer Hymn ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer (LEV 178)

William Walford and William B. Bradbury

- 1 **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief.
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

2 **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word and trust His grace.
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.**

3 **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
May I thy consolation share,
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize.
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"**

Prayer Hymn ~ I Am Praying for You (LEV 168)

S. O'Malley Cluff & Ira D. Sankey

1 **I have a Savior, He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving savior, though earth-friends be few;
And now He is watching in tenderness o'er me,
And, oh, that my Savior were your savior, too!**

Refrain **For you I am praying, for you I am praying,
For you I am praying, I'm praying for you.**

2 **I have a Father, to me He has given
A hope for eternity, blessed and true;
And soon will He call me to meet Him in heaven,
But, oh, that He'd let me bring you with me, too! (Refrain)**

3 **I have a robe: 'tis resplendent in whiteness,
Awaiting in glory my wondering view;
Oh, when I receive it all shining in brightness,
Dear friend, could I see you receiving one, too! (Refrain)**

4 **When Jesus has found you, tell others the story,
That my loving Savior is your savior, too;
Then pray that your Savior may bring them to glory,
And prayer will be answered, 'twas answered for you! (Refrain)**

Prayer Hymn ~ I Need Thee Every Hour (LEV 192)

Annie S. Hawks and Robert Lowry

1 **I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.**

Refrain **I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

2 **I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby:
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. (Refrain)**

3 **I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain. (Refrain)**

4 **I need thee every hour, teach me thy will,
And thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Refrain)**

The Peace (BCP 360)

Officiant **The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant **I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to
present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1***

Offertory Anthem ~ I Am the Vine

The Choir

Knowles Shaw

1 **“I am the vine and ye are the branches,”
Bear precious fruit for Jesus today;
Branches in Him no fruit ever bearing,
Jesus hath said, “He taketh away.”**

2 “Now ye are clean thru words I have spoken,
Living in Me, much fruit ye shall bear;
Dwelling in you, My promise unbroken,
Glory in heav’n with Me ye shall share.”

Refrain “I am the vine and ye are the branches;
I am the vine, be faithful and true;
Ask what ye will, your pray’r shall be granted,
The Father loved me, so I have loved you.”

3 Yes, by your fruits the world is to know you,
Walking in love as children of day;
Follow your Guide, He passeth before you,
Leading to realms of glorious day.

Doxology ~ Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken, Brian Wren, “Lasst Uns Erfreuen”, harm. Hal H. Hopson

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361, S 120) [*chanted*]

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 (S 130)

Franz Peter Schubert setting, arr. Richard Proulx © 1985 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

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

The Lord's Prayer (LEV 264)

Albert Hay Malotte setting, arr. Fred Bock © 1935 G. Schirmer, Inc., CCLI #2643940

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread (BCP 364)

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Invitation to and Administration of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion. The clergy will place the consecrated wafer in your outstretched, cupped hands. You may consume the wafer if you don't wish to receive the wine; otherwise the eucharistic minister will pick up the wafer from your hand, dip it in the wine, and place it on your tongue. If you are not baptized or don't wish to receive Communion today, we still welcome you to come forward for a prayer of blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Beginning with the Choir, you are invited to come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail as you're comfortable, after the ushers release you from your seat. For those unable to come to the altar rail for Communion, please notify an usher, and the clergy will bring Communion to you at your seat.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion [for those on Zoom, led on Zoom]

Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Communion Hymn ~ I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord (H 304)

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- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.**
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.**
- 5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.**

Communion Hymn ~ God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him (H 379)

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- 1 God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens
above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.**

- 2 **God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.**
- 3 **God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.**

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Easter Blessing (BOS 15)

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.**

Recessional Hymn ~ **We're Marching to Zion** (LEV 12)

Isaac Watts and Robert S. Lowery

1 **Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

Refrain **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

2 **Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly
 King,
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.**

Refrain **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

3 **The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the
 heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)**

4 **Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, we're marching
 thro' Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)**

Dismissal (BCP 366)

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Choir Benediction ~ **As We Go** (*sung twice*)

The Choir

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As we go, may Your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where You lead.
May we live what we have learned,
Share the message we have heard,
And be a light unto the world as we go.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **We are worshiping today both in person and over Zoom** (Phone Number 646-558-8656, Meeting ID 847-4719-9430, and Passcode 962483) this morning. Our worship is also being livestreamed on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/blessedredeemerpb](http://www.facebook.com/blessedredeemerpb) and on **YouTube** at [www.youtube.com/@Kenneth-ep2yn](http://www.youtube.com/@Kenneth-ep2yn). Welcome to those in the building, and greetings to those who are joining us online or by phone today.

2. **Welcome to guests** who are joining us in worship this morning. We would like to know you better and invite you to sign the guestbook in the entryway and/or fill out a guest card in the pew and place it in the offering bag or hand it to an usher or the priest. If you are looking for a church home and we can assist you, please let us know. If you are just visiting while traveling, we hope that God will continue to grant you safe travels.
3. **Flowers/Sanctuary Lamp:** We welcome donations toward our altar flowers throughout the year, either in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for God acting in your life. Flower donation forms can be found in the back of the church, or you can contact Amru Bromfield or Fr. Brian in the church office or Altar Guild Director Marlene Bullock. Also, at any time during the year donations can be offered in memory of a loved one toward our Sanctuary Lamp candle, which burns above the aumbry where the reserved sacrament (consecrated bread and wine) is kept.
4. **Parish Prayer List:** Do you know someone who could use prayers—or maybe yourself? Please contact Fr. Brian or fill out one of the pew prayer forms (and put it in the offering bag) if you would like their name added to our parish prayer list. Also, if you have added someone's name to the prayer list in the past but they are doing better and are no longer in need of prayers, please let Fr. Brian know. You're also invited to share names of deceased loved ones and friends with Fr. Brian for inclusion in our Sunday prayers as well.
5. **Birthday blessings** are offered this week for Elsada Wilson (today, April 28), Yvette Sinclair (Thursday, May 2), and Dezrene Johnson (Friday, May 3). (We encourage those celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries to support our Birthday Club with a donation of thanksgiving to God.)
6. Our **April Bake Sale** fundraiser is being held after worship today.
7. **Financial Planning Today:** We welcome Esther Martin and Nesterine Blair with us from Global Financial Impact this morning. They will be offering a special presentation about financial planning and reaching financial independence, including how to make financial plans for long-term care and end-of-life decisions after our worship today.

8. **May Wednesday Bible Study:** Deacon Pat is starting a new Bible Study on “Women of the Bible” this Wednesday, May 1 at 11 a.m., to run during the whole month of May. Each week we will be learning about a different woman from the Bible, starting with Sarah. This will be an in-person hour-long program held at the church, and all are invited (even men!); bring your bible. Please speak with Deacon Pat if you have any questions.
9. **Memorial Garden Meeting Thursday:** The next Memorial Garden Committee Meeting will be held at the church Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m.
10. **Rogation Sunday:** Next Sunday, May 5, will be the Sixth Sunday of Easter, which is commemorated as Rogation Sunday. In the English tradition, Rogation Sunday is associated with the blessing the fields at planting time, and the tradition arose of the priest “beating the bounds” of the parish, offering prayers for the land and the year’s harvest. Fr. Brian invites you to bring in seeds or gardening tools to be blessed during the service, and there will be a pre-service procession to bless our gardens.
11. **Nursing Home Service on May 9:** Deacon Pat Masterman will be leading Blessed Redeemer’s first worship service for patients and residents at Atlantic Shores Nursing & Rehab Center (4251 Stack Boulevard) on Thursday, May 9 at 2 p.m. If you would like to help with this service, please let Deacon Pat know. We are planning for this to be a regular service held at Atlantic Shores on the second Thursday of each month.
12. **Ascension Day Worship:** We will be commemorating the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m. with an Evening Prayer service just held over Zoom (Phone Number 646-558-8656, Meeting ID 847-4719-9430, and Passcode 962483).
13. **Pentecost Language Readers:** Do you speak a foreign language? Fr. Brian invites those who speak another language to help with the reading of the Gospel for Pentecost Sunday (May 19) again this year. If you’re interested, please speak with Fr. Brian or Deacon Pat.
14. **Congregational Meeting on June 2:** The Vestry has scheduled a special Congregational Meeting to take place on Sunday, June 2, after worship. This purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the church’s current financial challenges.

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