



*St. Mary's*  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Called to **serve, heal, and love** in the light of God.

YEARS  
**95**



“Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table after Resurrection” Duccio, 1319

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m. • Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC  
*Presider & Preacher*

# WELCOME

## Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Here in the Episcopal Church, we truly welcome everyone. Please sign a visitor's card (or scan the QR code below) and introduce yourself to Fr. Lester after the service.

If you'd like more information on joining St. Mary's, membership, baptism, serving as a youth acolyte, confirmation, etc., contact the Parish Office at 949-494-3542 or email [parishoffice@stmaryslb.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmaryslb.org).

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



**Our Mission:** To be open to God's love and Guidance. To embrace all in the name of Christ.

**Our Vision:** To be an inclusive community called to serve, heal, and love our neighbors in the Light of God.



## New to St. Mary's?

Candida R. TerBush leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at St. Mary's and she would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have.

Contact her at [candidarivera25@yahoo.com](mailto:candidarivera25@yahoo.com)

## Sunday Schedule

8 AM

**Traditional**

Rite I Spoken Eucharist

9:15 AM

**Adult Education**

(will continue after Easter)

10:30 AM

**Contemporary**

Rite II Eucharist with Choir

**Children/Youth**

Childcare with Mimi Chavez, Children's Chapel in the Lower Church

11:30 AM

**Hospitality/Coffee Hour**

Guild Hall

## Weekly Service Schedule

TUES

**10:00am, Healing Service**

Conference Call Format

WED

**11:00am, Eucharist**

Spoken, Church

THURS

**7pm, Taize Heartfulness**

First Thursdays, Church

## Ways to Give

Gratitude for your financial support of St. Mary's. Please consider giving to help us continue our ministry here in Laguna Beach and beyond.



Text GIFTMARY  
to 44321



During the offering  
on Sunday



Online through  
Give Lively platform



Mail offering & pledges  
to Parish Office

# Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, or made a change to the schedule, please mark the schedule in the Narthex and also contact the Parish Office.

We can always use more volunteers to help out with our Sunday liturgies! If you would like to help with being a reader, acolyte, usher, hospitality, etc., please contact the Parish Office.

## This Sunday, April 14, 10:30 am

First Reader	Cristina Calderone
Second Reader	Philippe Guggenheim
Crucifer	Tammi Ford
Chalice	Ben Brown
Ushers	Julianna van den Berg & Susan Moore
Hospitality	Cristina Calderone & Maureen Ortiz

## Next Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am

First Reader	Christopher Gilbertson
Second Reader	Karen Zfaty
Crucifer	Ben Brown
Chalice	Pat August
Ushers	Larry & Marjorie Gorum
Hospitality	Mike & Stephanie Metzler



## Next Sunday's Lessons

Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24,  
John 10:11-18, Psalm 23

# This Week at St. Mary's

## Sunday, April 14

8AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken
10:30AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>
12PM	Baptism of Harper Martial

## Monday, April 15

7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
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## Tuesday, April 16

10AM	Healing Service, Conference Call Format
7PM	AA Women's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
7PM	L.B. Chamber Singers, Church

# Parish Prayer List

## For the departed

Colette Marsaud, Nancy Guthrie, Ralph Root, Blake Franklin, Bill Ford, Jose Chavez, John Lever, Steven Perryman

## For healing, comfort and other requests

Lorett G., Betty K, Lie, Bettina, Pinkie M, JoAnn, Kayla K, Mary H, Josephine, Pamela, Joe, Terry, Sara, Jerry, Terrie, Nancy, Carol, Phoebe, Ralph, Hampton, Mimi, Francesca, Grace, Josh, John P., Tanya, Daniel, Tom, Jan, Karen, Lynn, Gregory, Naomi, Bill & Sara, Nick J, Cynthia, Don, Barbara, Erin, Ashley, Kady, Beau and Erika, Mike L, Erin, Tina, Milana, Linda, Kenedy, , Jill, John, Chris, Richard, Sarah, Corrie, Pat, Lauren, Judy, Jan

## For all others in need

Those affected by natural & environmental disasters especially Japan, all in fear in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kongo, Israel and Palestine.

## For our City of Laguna Beach and the Diocese of Los Angeles



*Prayer cards can be found in the Narthex or scan the QR Code here:*

## Wednesday, April 17

10AM	Parish Staff Meeting
<b>NO WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST TODAY</b>	
7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

## Thursday, April 18

8AM	Men's Bible Study, Office Library
6:30PM	Toastmasters Meeting, Guild Hall

## Friday, April 19

1PM	Women's Bible Study, Office Library
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## Saturday, April 20

12PM	Michelle Burt Art Masterclass, Guild Hall
8PM	AA Living Sober Group Meeting, Guild Hall

# Your Parish Leadership

## Parish Staff

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, Rector  
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Martin & Christina Reyna, Sextons

## Parish Office Information

The Parish Office is open Monday - Friday,  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each week.

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Carrie Joyce · Class of 2025

Ben Brown · Class of 2025

Janet Chisholm · Class of 2026

Glen Roske · Class of 2026

John Kilpatrick · Class of 2026

Marc Mullendore · Class of 2026

*The Vestry meets the Fourth Sunday of each  
Month at 12:00 p.m.*

# A Few Reminders

## WORSHIP

Follow along starting on page 9. Responses are in bold.

## COMMUNION

From whatever tradition you come, you are always welcome at the Lord's table. We are currently receiving Communion at the Altar Rail.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

There will be childcare service with Mimi Chavez this morning. There are "Youth Bulletins" with crayons in the back of the church. All Youth are invited to help participate during our Family Service (1st Sunday at 10:30am) as readers or acolytes. Contact Fr. Lester.

## RESTROOMS

These facilities are located on our lower level, beneath the choir. For wheelchair access, please ask an usher for assistance.

## HOSPITALITY / COFFEE HOUR

Following today's 10:30am Service, all are welcome to our Guild Hall for fellowship, coffee and light refreshments.

## NEWCOMERS

Welcome to St. Mary's! Introduce yourself to Fr. Lester and complete a Newcomer Card. There is a QR code on page 3 of this bulletin to also fill out online. We are glad that you are here to join us in this faith forward journey.

*You are always welcome here.*



**Calling all Youth to help serve as an Acolyte at Church!**

If interested in being an acolyte during the 10:30am service, contact Fr. Lester.



## Altar Flower Dedication

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God from **Pat August**.

*"To the glory of God and with thanksgiving for my loving family and friends."*



## FAITH FORWARD JOURNEY

UNITY IN COMMUNITY - WALKING TOGETHER - ROOTED IN JESUS

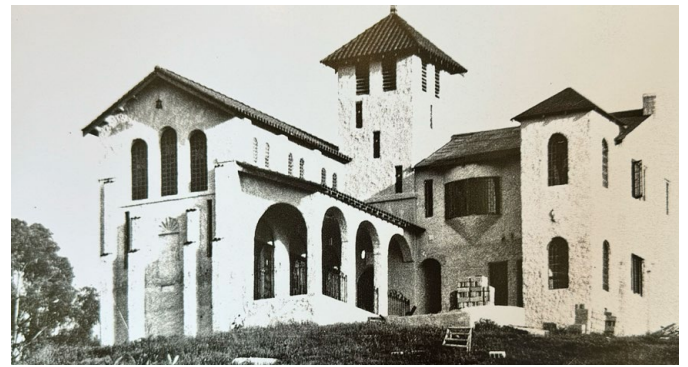
2024 Stewardship  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

95<sup>YEARS</sup>

## A "Blast from the Past"

*As we celebrate 95 years as a community, we reflect on our history in Laguna Beach.*

This photograph shows the back of the original Church during construction in 1925. The buttresses, open cloister and design of the tower show the influence of St. Francis Basilica. Surmounting the tower was a six foot, six inch cross, covered with gold leaf and electrically illuminated, "a cross of dazzling electricity that will shine out to the heathen lands across the sea" (Laguna Life newspaper).



## ART SHOW

at *Nino's* Art Studio



Join us for an afternoon of art and fun, and come see our artists Akiko Davis, Ann Nakamoto, Barbara L. Van Gaasbeek, Nitza Henig, Rose Ford, Rhoda Morales, Lourdes Maria Mason, Justin Elloran, Victoria Morgan and Nino Narimanidze's artworks.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 | 2-5 P. M.

2512 Chambers Rd, Ste 101, Tustin  
www.ninoartstudio.com



## Calling All Youth, Ages 8-11 to join a NEW Children's Choir at St. Mary's!

We are in the process of forming a new Children's Choir in Laguna Beach, under the direction of Patricia Shanks. If you have a child, grandchild, or know a family that would be interested, have them contact either Carol White: [cf\\_white@comcast.net](mailto:cf_white@comcast.net) or Karen Zfaty: [kzfaty@aol.com](mailto:kzfaty@aol.com). Rehearsals will begin soon.



YOU ARE INVITED TO E.C.W.'S

# LINE DANCING

TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM, GUILD HALL

\$20 - ADULTS

YOUTH 12 & UNDER - FREE

TICKETS INCLUDE CINCO DE MAYO  
LUNCH, SOFT DRINK & LINE DANCING

*BEER & WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE*

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE!**

SEE A DESIGNATED ECW MEMBER  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.





## Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Clothing Collection Drive for Working Wardrobes

*Donate Your Gently Used Clothing!*

### **When:**

- Date: March-April
- Location: Bring to St. Mary's

### **What to Donate:**

- Quality Clothing: Clean and gently used items on hangers.
- Accessories: We accept accessories too!

### **Why Donate?**

- Your donations help individuals overcome barriers to gainful employment.
- 100% of retail profits fund Working Wardrobes' career readiness services.

### **How to Participate:**

1. **Select and Clean:** Gather your best-quality clothing and put them on hangers.
2. **Spread the Word:** Tell everyone about our need for all types of donations.

### **Contact Us:**

- Contact Marjorie: 949 497-8549-h; 714 322-0567-c or email: marlar4@cox.net

### **Important Safety Guidelines:**

- Donated clothes must be CLEAN and ON HANGERS.

*Thank you for supporting Working Wardrobes! Your contributions make a difference in the lives of those striving for meaningful employment.*

*For more information, visit the Working Wardrobes Donation Center.*



Episcopal Church Women (ECW)  
Theme for April 2024:

# Rebirth

*"The resurrection not only brings the future into the present but also brings heaven to earth."*

Tim Keller



## Final Report and a Big Thank You!

St Mary's gathered in 32 boxes and bags full of food, clothing and toiletries for Orange County Rescue Mission. The donations were delivered to the Mission in Tustin two Sundays ago. One of the workers at the Mission who received the items expressed his gratitude and told of his journey from incarceration, drugs and homelessness to his present situation, working for the Mission, looking healthy and at peace with himself, and thankful for the Mission's wonderful work, which gave him the strength and resolve to get back on his feet and move forward with his life.

By donating all that you did, you are ensuring the Mission continues to reach out to those in need, and to move forward with their faithful work. Special thanks to Mark Clymer, Amelia, and Carol and Dennis White, for helping to box up all the many items and pack them into the car for delivery to the Mission, and deepest thanks to you all for your generosity.

Blessings and Happy Easter!

*Love.*  
**ALWAYS.**



**REVIVAL**  
AND  
**LEARNING**  
**PARTY**

**LOUISVILLE, KY**  
**JUNE 22, 2024**



# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Sunday, April 14, 2024, The Third Sunday of Easter*

**OPENING HYMN • Christ Is Alive**

#182

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift and war, where co - lor,  
 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

em - pty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 ev - 'ry fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

prai - ses ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love and praise.

Words: Brian W. Wren - Music: *Truro*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.

Before the service, we speak to God. During the service, God speaks to us.

The people stand at the introduction of the Opening Hymn.

**SONG OF PRAISE (GLORIA)**

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be  
blessed: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Till ev-'ry-where be-neath the  
sun, God's reign be-gins; God's will is done: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

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

**The Word of God****THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 3:12-19**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that

The people sit for the Word of God.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles recounts the early growth of the Christian Church. One of the major features of Acts is Luke’s use of speeches by principal figures to provide reflection upon and analysis of events. These speeches demonstrate the basic preaching pattern of the apostolic Church to different audiences as the Church moves from the Jewish to the Gentile world. Today’s reading is taken from the second of these discourses.

his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

**THE PSALM • Psalm 4**

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my | **cause**;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my | **prayer.**
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my | **glory**;  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false | **gods?”**
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the | **faithful**;  
when I cry out, the Lord will | **hear me.**
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not | **sin**;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your | **bed.**
- 5 Offer the appointed | **sacrifices**  
and put your trust in the | **Lord.**
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better | **times!”**  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O | **Lord.**
- 7 You have put gladness in my | **heart**,  
more than when grain and wine and oil in- | **crease.**
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall a- | **sleep**;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in | **safety.**

**THE SECOND LESSON • 1 John 3:1-7**

A reading from The First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

*(Continued on the next page)*

From the depths of his troubles, the psalmist expresses his trust in God as helper. He knows that God will always help and answer his pleas, and this awareness brings peace. Because God is his Savior, he can rest securely and warn others to trust in God alone.

Today’s reading takes up the theme of Christians and sin, in the context of their adoption as “children of God” (v 1). This special relationship to God was formerly extended to Israel as a people and especially to the king as Israel’s representative. In Hebrew idiom, “to be the child of” meant to exhibit the characteristics of one’s father. Christians are truly God’s children, yet they are still in the process of growing into resemblance to God by imitating Christ in their behavior.

## THE SECOND LESSON CONTINUED (1 JOHN 3:1-7)

No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN • *Alleluia*

#178

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his Name. *Fine*

Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live for ev - er.

Words: Donald Fishel - Music: *Alleluia No. 1*, Donald Fishel

The people stand at the introduction of the Gradual Hymn.

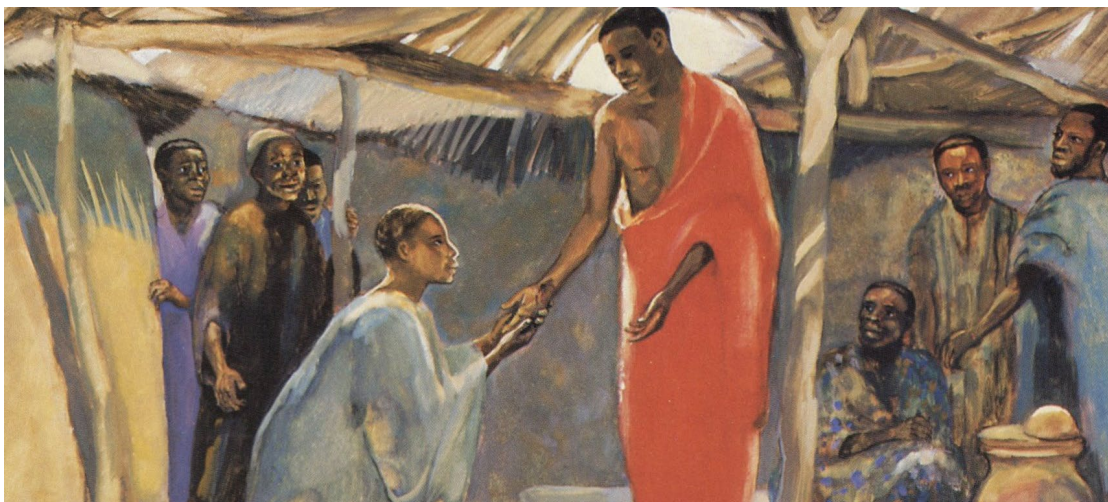
**THE HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 24:36-48**

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples 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.

*Presider* The Good News of Jesus.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



“Jesus Appears to Thomas” by Jesus Mafa, 1973

**THE SERMON • The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC**

By showing the marks of the crucifixion, the risen Christ identifies himself as the earthly Jesus. He shows himself to be “real,” not a vision or a ghost. The account displays the Hebrew understanding of the person as particular and embodied, in contrast to the Greek sense of the person as merely the “soul.” As in the Emmaus story, the disciples recognize Jesus in the context of a meal and in the exposition of the scriptures.

The people sit during the Sermon. A period of silence is to follow to reflect on the Readings and Sermon.

The people stand for the Nicene Creed.

The early Christian Church nearly divided over substantial disagreements in theology about the person of Jesus and the relationship between God the Creator, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To resolve those differences, the Emperor Constantine called a convocation of the Bishops in the year 325 AD to the city of Nicea. After much controversy, the statement of beliefs they crafted became known as the Nicene Creed. The word “creed” is from the Latin word “Credo” which means “I believe.”

## THE NICENE CREED

*Presider* Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* **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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader* In hope and silence, let us pray to God, the Creator of all.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That those who serve in the Church throughout the world - especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; John our Diocese Bishop may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That the members of this congregation, and all who gather with us in prayer and song, may embrace and embody the good news of the resurrection, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That the people of this nation and those to whom we look for governance may be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That war, famine, and disaster may cease in all the world, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That those in need of sustenance, shelter, healing, or accompaniment may be blessed with provision, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Gracious God, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at the feet of your beloved Son; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

The people remain standing for the Prayers of the People.

The people greet one another with a sign of peace.

The people sit.

The people stand as are able.

## THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

## THE OFFERTORY & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

## DOXOLOGY

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

# The Great Thanksgiving

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 (ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP)

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider* 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.



*Presider* Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you! My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Holy, Holy, Holy - Music: Composer of melody unknown

*Presider* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Presider* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*People* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: 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 long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action 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."

The Words of Institution recall Jesus' words at the Last Supper (instructing the disciples to do this in remembrance of him). The words of invocation called *Epiclesis* is where we ask the Holy Spirit to descend upon these gifts and upon us to make the bread and wine holy and to make us part of Christ's body.

*Presider* Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us in the language of our heart, we are bold to say:

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

When Jesus taught his disciples this prayer it was a summary of all prayers. Placed in our liturgy at this place it again becomes the summation of our prayers to God in blessing the Bread and Wine.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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




One bread, one bo - dy, one Lord of all, one cup of  
bless - ing which we bless. And we, though ma - ny,  
through - out the earth. We are one bo - dy in this one Lord.

One Bread, One Body © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and New Dawn Music

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins: Have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -  
deem - er of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Agnus Dei, from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMNS** • *O What Their Joy* #623  
*Savior, Like A Shepherd* #708

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*People* Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the Word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith and trust in the world you love. Amen.

Regardless of the tradition you come or where you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive Communion at the Lord's Table.

When it is time for you to go forward to the altar rail, an usher will direct your row. Proceed to the altar rail and you may stand or kneel. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer. You may immediately eat the wafer or wait for the wine and take communion by intinction\*. To sip the wine from the chalice, guide it to your lips with your hand on the base of the chalice. Receiving just the bread or wine alone is considered full communion.

## THE BLESSING

*Presider* May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; May the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith. And the blessings of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those whom you love this day and always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN • *He Is Risen*

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He is ris-en, he is ris-en! Tell it out with joy-ful voice:  
Come, ye sad and fear-ful-heart-ed, with glad smile and ra-diant brow!  
Come, with high and ho-ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri-um-phiant day;  
He is ris-en, he is ris-en! He has o-pened hea-ven's gate:  
he has burst his three days' pri-son; let the whole wide earth re-joice:  
Death's long sha-dows have de-part-ed; Je-sus' woes are o-ver now,  
not one dark-some cloud is dim-ming yon-der glo-rious morn-ing ray,  
we are free from sin's dark pri-son, ris-en to a ho-li-er state;  
death is con-quer-ed, we are free, Christ has won the vic-to-ry.  
and the pas-sion that he bore, sin and pain can vex no more.  
break-ing o'er the pur-ple east, sym-bol of our Eas-ter feast.  
and a bright-er Eas-ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander - Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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