

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist - Rite II - Year C
May 18, 2025 11:00 a.m.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Norman, Oklahoma

*The Altar Flowers are given by Randy Witzke & Suzanne Eckl Witzke
in celebration of the birthday of Sandy Hasty-Pratte*

The Rector, vestry and members of this church wish to extend a most hearty welcome to visitors who are worshiping with us today, It is a privilege to extend to you an invitation to make this your church home. Here you will find a "Family" type parish and we hope you will stay after the service so that we may have the opportunity to meet you and extend the hand of Christian fellowship.

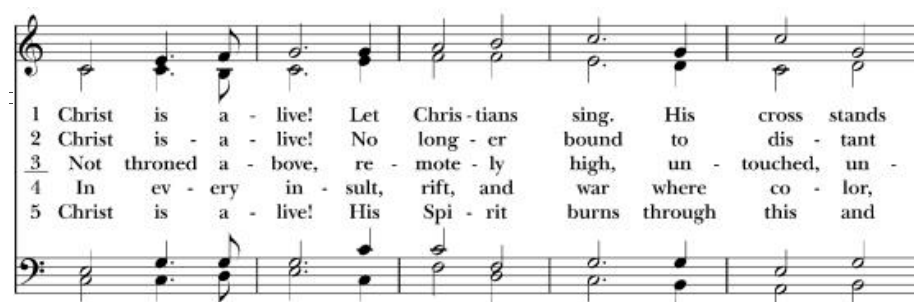
Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

Prelude

Hymn in Procession *All Stand*

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"

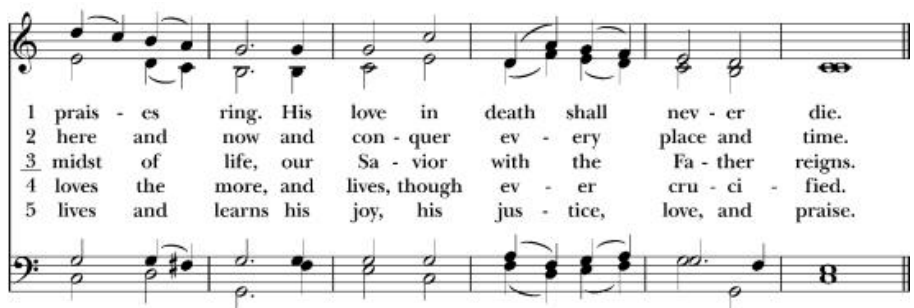
Hymnal 182



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.

The Word of God

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, We wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord, God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us;

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -

ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.

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

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A -

men. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant 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.**

First Reading *All sit.*

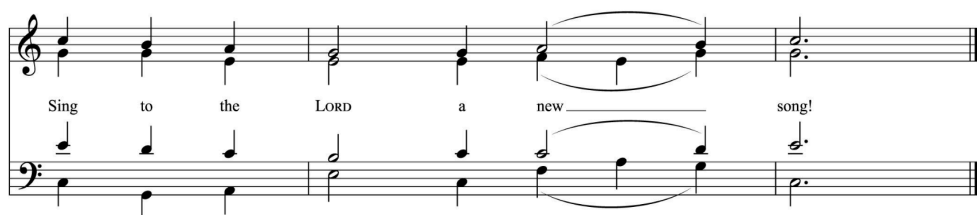
Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148 *Remain seated. Laudate Dominum*



¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. *Refrain*

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

Refrain

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

Refrain

¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people
 and praise for all his loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Hallelujah! *Refrain*

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1 - 6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them as their God;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."


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

Sequence Hymn *All stand.*

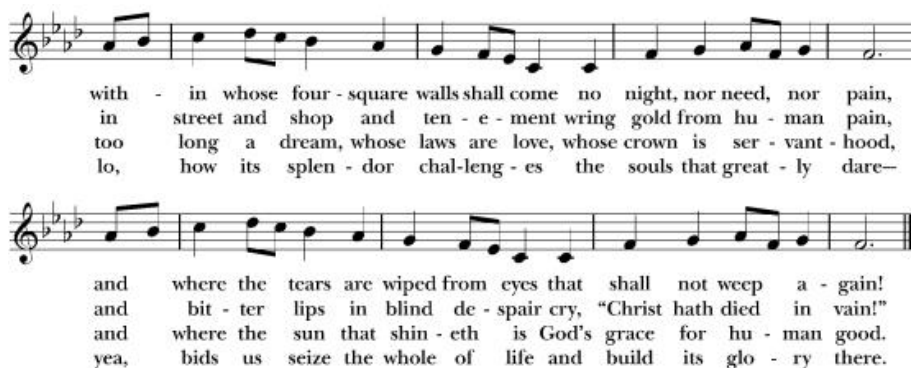
"O Holy City, Seen Of John"

Hymnal 583

Verses 1 - 3 before; Verse 4 after the Gospel



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair;



The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Farber

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.

Prayers of the People *Form IV* *All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

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. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will
for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share
with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop; and for
all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray for St. Paul's
in Altus.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church in
Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People

And al - so with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory *All sit*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem “And I John saw the Holy City”

Thomas Matthews

And I John saw the holy City, new Jerusalem coming down from heav'n, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Presentation of the Offerings *Please stand and sing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

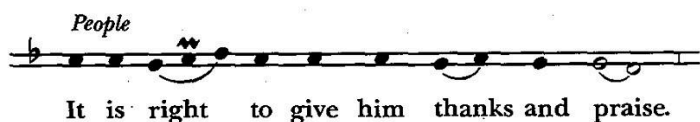
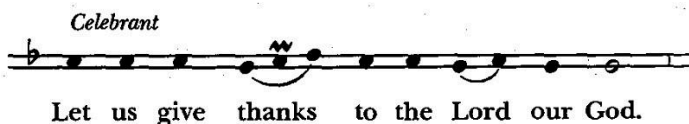
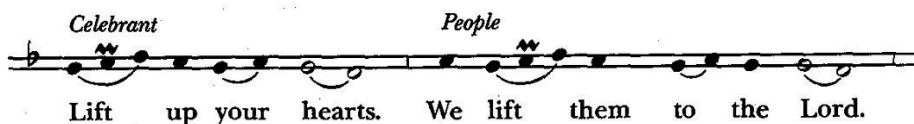
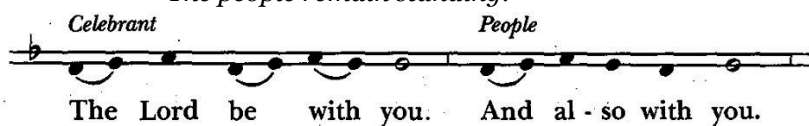
lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.



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.

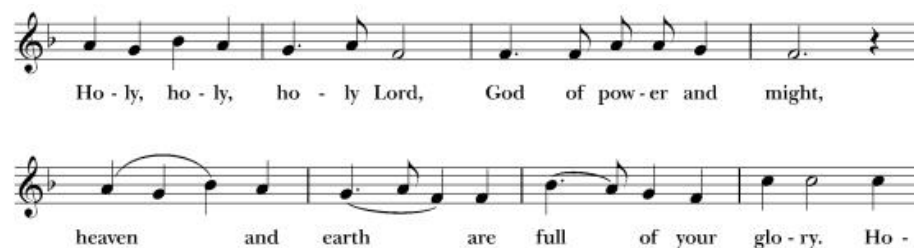
The Celebrant adds a proper preface

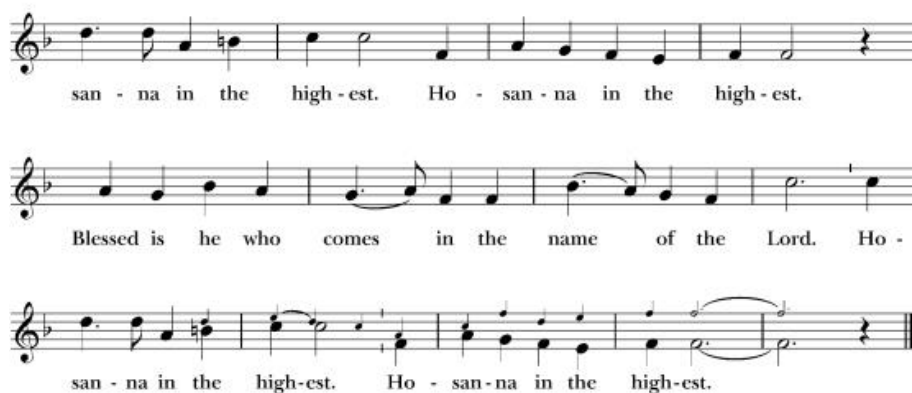
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

The people stand or kneel.

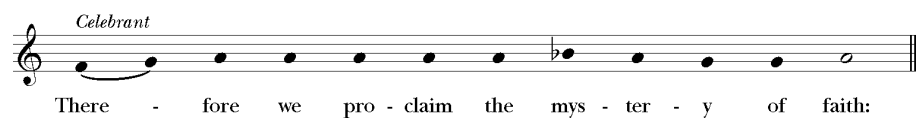




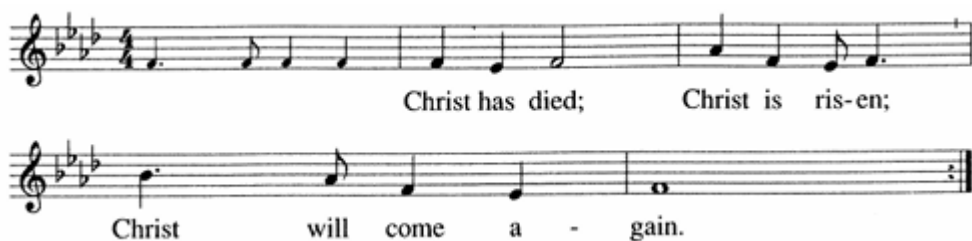
Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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



Celebrant and People



Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

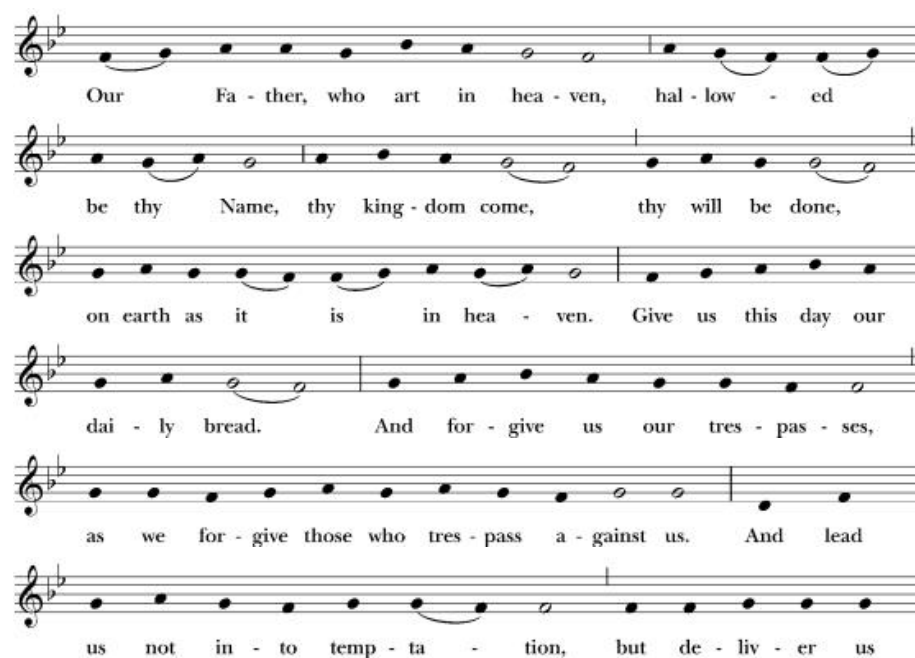
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

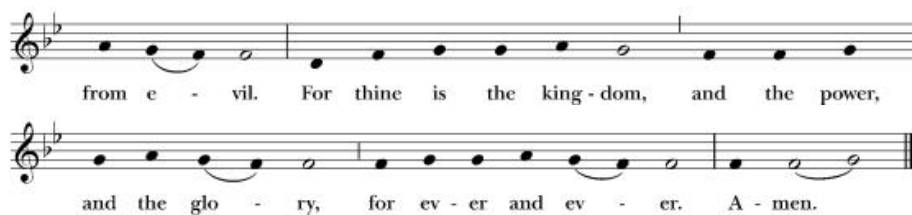


Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

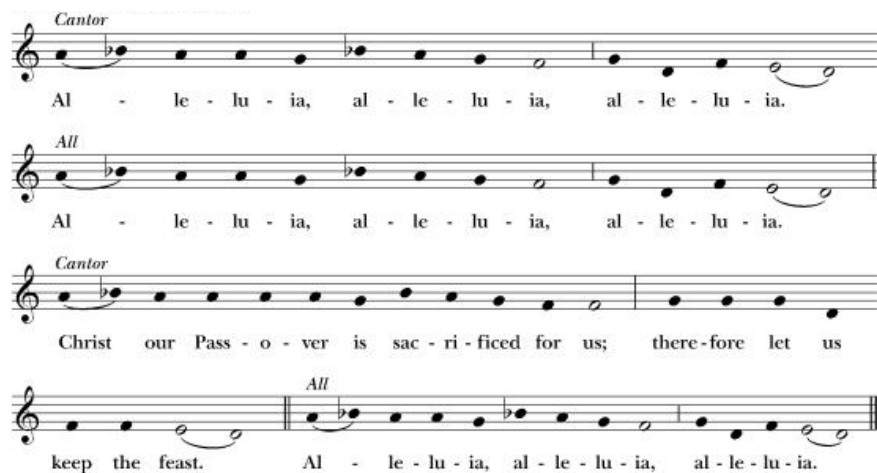
Hymnal S-119





Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Hymnal S-151



Agnus Dei



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

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymns

“Thou Art The Way, To Thee Alone”

Insert

Musical notation for the hymn 'Thou Art The Way, To Thee Alone'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

1. Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we
2. Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im -
3. Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering
4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to

flee; and all who would the Fa - - - ther seek, must
part; thou on - ly canst in - form the mind
arm; and those who put their trust in thee nor
know; that truth to keep, that life to win, whose

seek him, Lord, by thee.
pu - ri - fy the heart.
death nor hell shall harm.
joys e - - ter - nal flow.

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Hymnal 487

Musical notation for the hymn 'Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Celebrant Let us pray. *All Stand*

All **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.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession “O Praise Ye The Lord!” **Hymnal 432**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Praise Ye The Lord!". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude



Please keep these people in your prayers this week

For those with health concerns: Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Mike Scott, Anne Burris Grieves, Woody Campbell, David Zittel, Susan Bennett, McKenzie Million, Keith & Jeanne Giles, David & Susan Nagel, Syra Vaz, Bill Armstrong, Jennifer Warren, James Smith, Russell Badder, Lester & Pam Wallace, Debbie Price, Ron Stiehler, Nancy Hancock, Tom & Nancy Wakely, Mark Gilje, Josh Yarbrough, Debi Kelley, Suzanne Moore, Tom Selvidge, Linda Gill, Becky Young.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Michael, Eliza Rodrigues, Cecilia Prytko.

Birthdays: 5/19 Kathy Rodrigues, 5/20 Tyson Fleming, 5/21 Susie Cassidy, 5/21 Robert Green

Anniversaries: 5/18/1991 Eric & Laura Blazek, 5/20/2017 Brandt & Susie Cassidy

This week at St Michael's

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| Today | Vestry Meeting |
| Monday, May 19 | Crafts 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 21 | Southwind Graduation 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Eucharist 2:15 p.m. Lectio Divina 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 22 | Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. |



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