

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 18, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, Music Director

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. We are especially excited to welcome parishioners back into the church for worship!

For those worshipping in person: Please continue to wear masks and practice social distancing throughout the service. (Disposable masks are available in the narthex.) Ushers will be escorting you to a pew. When the service ends, please exit one pew at a time, as directed by ushers. Please also exit the church promptly and visit with others outside, not in the church building.

For those worshipping from home: Please know that you are still valued members of the congregation! Today's service will likely have a few more glitches than usual as we try work out how to effectively conduct worship for both in-person and online worshippers. We appreciate your patience!

To attend upcoming Sunday services, **<u>Register here</u>**. And our services continue to be available on the <u>**Online Worship**</u> page of our website.

EASTER is the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. In the northern hemisphere, Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the

proclamation of the risen Christ. Easter is not merely one day, but a season of fifty days of rejoicing, culminating on the Day of Pentecost. During the GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER, our worship will reflect the earliest traditions of Christian worship, omitting the usual Prayer of Confession. The Council of Nicaea in 325 declared during the Easter season, Christians would neither kneel nor fast, instead focusing on the joy of the resurrection and our own status as a redeemed Easter people. May God bless you throughout the Easter season.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), © 1975, Hope Publishing Company. Music: Truro, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, *Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-719358. All rights reserved. Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.

People Amen.

GLORIA

H S280



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

| Celebrant People | The Lord be with you. And also with you. | | |
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| Celebrant | 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. | | |
| People | Amen. | | |
| | Please be seated for the readings. | | |

FIRST READING

ACTS 3:12-19

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

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

PSALM 4

CUM INVOCAREM

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 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 call upon the LORD, he 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 increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-7

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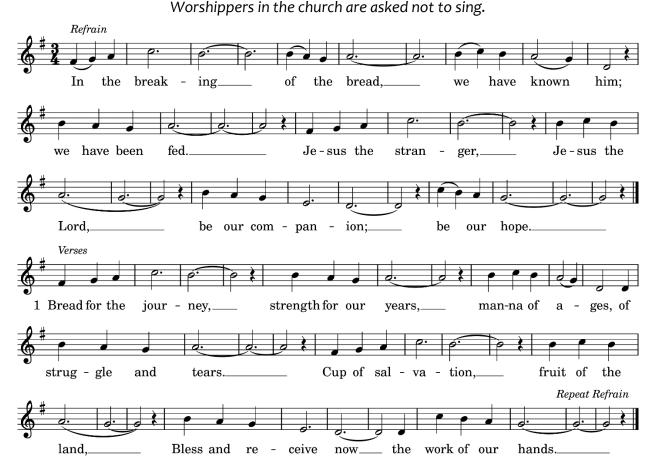
Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

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. 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.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN In the Breaking of the Bread (verse 1)



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GOSPEL ALLELUIA

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36B-48

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

| Celebrant | The Gospel of the Lord. |
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| People | Praise to you, Lord Christ. |

THE SERMON

NICENE CREED

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

BCP 358

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: 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. 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

Intercessor 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. We pray especially for the leadership of our church, including our vestry: Josh, Rob, Mark, Ed, Dale, Brad, Hye Na, Belinda, and Samantha.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor 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

People Hear our prayer. **BCP 388**

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

Intercessor 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

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those at Christopher House, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, Mark, Belinda, Mary, Metis, Ruben, David, Ben, Glenn, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Alyssa, JoAnn, and those suffering from COVID-19; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy and all who have died, especially those who have died from COVID-19, 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

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for Ariane as she celebrates her birthday; and for Caroline and Justin as they celebrate their anniversary.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

- Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- People Amen.

THE PEACE

- *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ. Please maintain social distance.

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself a sacrifice for the whole world. Offerings can be given online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.

H 380, VERSE 3 (sung to the tune of H 618) THE DOXOLOGY Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing. 0 God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be -Praise ia, Al - le al - le ia! Praise lu _ lu _ low, 0 ₫ 0 θ him a - bove, ye heaven-ly Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly host: praise 0 le lu al - le -Ghost, Al _ lu ia. al - le -_ ia, _ _ . 0 0 P lu ia, al - le - lu ia, al - le lu ia! _ _ _ 0 0 6

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711).

Music: Lasst uns erfreun, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1672-1958).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as able.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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| Celebrant People | The Lord be with you. And also with you. |
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| Celebrant People | Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. |
| Celebrant People | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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 way the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he |

 All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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."

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 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- *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.

All AMEN.

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

| All | Our Father, who art in heaven, |
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| | 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. |
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrified for us;
- People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
- Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

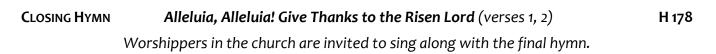
We will be receiving only the consecrated host, and not the wine. To receive communion, please remain in your pews, and the host will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your heart, and the Celebrant will pray for God's blessing upon you.

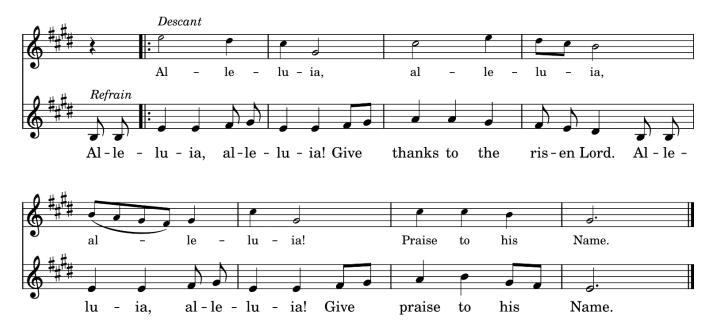
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

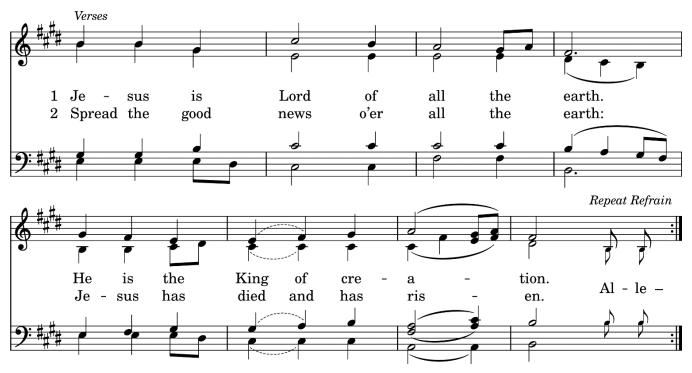
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING







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DISMISSAL

CelebrantAlleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

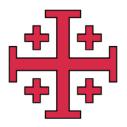
POSTLUDE

Service Postlude in F (Eugene Thayer)

MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO

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The altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by the people of St. George's.



After the service, you are invited to join our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (Meeting ID: 818 5353 0722, Passcode: Christ), for a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

- August Dolan-Henderson Gladys Dykes Phillip Farmer Charles Foster Ralph Hausser Kirk Hoffman
- Divesh Manohar Mark Mays Belinda McGhee Mary Parker Metis Policano Ruben Romero

David Savage Ben Sears Glenn Tatum Preston Tyree Rochelle & Jon Winkle Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Alyssa Danielle JoAnn Mays

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Andrew Hutton

For our seminarian:

Joel McAlister and his family

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Ariane Corcoran (Apr 24)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Church of Ireland

For those who celebrate anniversaries

Caroline & Justin Braun (Apr 24)

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Lord of the Streets, Houston Northside, Houston Palmer Memorial, Houston

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold. Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>.

THE SUNDAY BANNER – April 18, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP – As COVID rates continue to drop, and increasing numbers of people are getting vaccinated, St. George's is returning to in-person worship in the church for our 10:30 service, beginning today. To maintain safety, parishioners are sitting in every third pew, and we are not receiving wine at communion. We won't have a real Coffee Hour, and we ask that everyone wear a mask throughout the service (extras will be available at church in case you forget yours). The services include a mix of live and pre-recorded music. We ask that those in church listen and enjoy the music but not sing along (we know that's difficult for some!), since indoor singing is a particularly dangerous activity in terms of spreading the virus. Initially, the services are limited to 20 attendees, in addition to the worship leaders, and <u>online registration</u> is required in order to maintain safe numbers. The service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.

- OUTDOOR EUCHARIST We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm. The services are limited to approximately 12 people and require online registration. The services last approximately 20-30 minutes and are held on the playground. Communion includes distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing are required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the Eucharist online.
- KNIGHT FOR ST. GEORGE'S Hear ye, hear ye! Your joyful presence is requested for a virtual evening of food, drink, and abundant merriment in support of St. George's Episcopal School. TODAY, from 5:30-7:30 pm, the school will hold its annual fundraiser, A Knight for St. George's. It will include live and silent auctions and a family magic show, and dinner packages are available through Colleen's Kitchen. For more information or to buy tickets, visit the Knight for St. George's website.
- WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join the St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, April 21st, from 7:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing *The Way of Love*. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. Frances Rickard will send the reading along with the Zoom link to the group's email list before the meeting. If you are not on the list and would like to receive the email, or if you have any questions, please contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com.
- GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY Join us on Saturday, May 1st for a Grounds Clean-up Day. We'll be doing some yard work and general cleaning up of the campus. If you have any yard/gardening tools that you're okay with sharing, please bring them (and please label them!). If you'd like to participate, please contact Dale Curry at <u>sgecvestry4dhc@gmail.com</u>.
- OUTREACH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH Christopher House is one of the services of Hospice Austin, a nonprofit organization that eases the physical, emotional, and spiritual pain of any person in our community facing the final months of a serious illness by providing expert and compassionate care, education, and bereavement support. Christopher House provides 24-hour expert medical care in a warm and tranquil setting for hospice patients who cannot be cared for at home. St. George's ministry with Christopher House reaches out to families who have a loved one at the facility. Our parishioners purchase hospitality baskets filled with basic daily necessities and deliver them to Christopher House. Use the online sign-up sheet to select a week for basket delivery. The Outreach Committee asks for a donation of \$10 per basket; donations can be made online on the <u>St.</u> <u>George's Donation page</u>. Contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to get a basket before your delivery week or if you have questions. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.
- FORWARD DAY BY DAY If you are unable to attend church in person, but you would like to get a copy of the May to July Forward Day by Day booklet of meditations, please email Jennifer in the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com (specify if you would like a large-print copy).
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u> (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at <u>www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</u>), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

| Monday, April 19 | 7:00 pm | School Board Meeting | |
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| Tuesday, April 20 | | | |
| Wednesday, April 21 | 7:00 pm | Wednesday Weavings | Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Theologian, 1109 |
| Thursday, April 22 | | | Hadewijch of Brabant, Poet and Mystic, 13 th century |
| Friday, April 23 | | Women's Retreat | George, Martyr, c.303 |
| Saturday, April 24 | | | |
| Sunday, April 25 | 10:30 am 12:15 pm | Holy Eucharist Outdoor Eucharist | Saint Mark the Evangelist |

THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Brad Dieringer Altar Guild – Dale Curry Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family Usher - Melissa Brackin Streaming Technician – Liam Dolan-Henderson Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips Reader/Intercessor – Jan Phillips Lay Eucharistic Minister – Jan Phillips

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