

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

APRIL 25, 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! And we look forward to seeing you in person, whenever you feel safe doing so.

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**

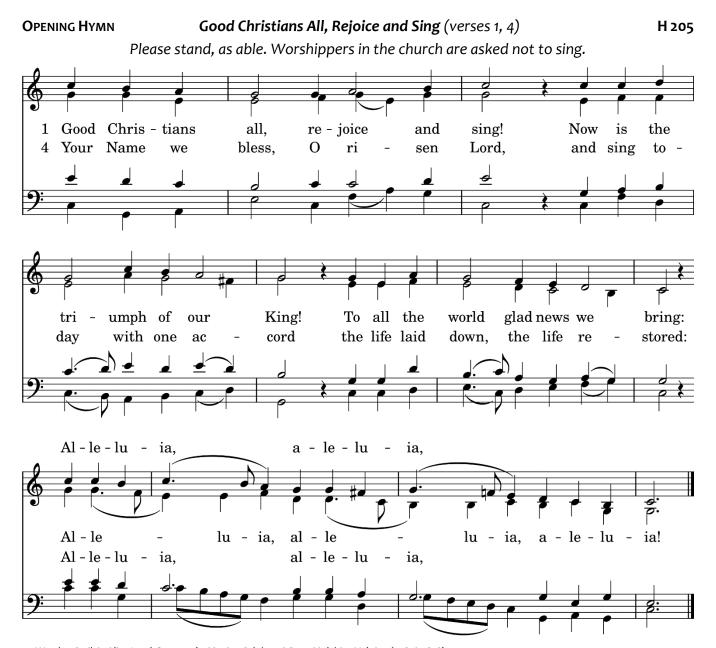
**H** – 1982 Hymnal

**G** – Gather Hymnal

**BCP** - Book of Common Prayer

**W**ELCOME

#### THE WORD OF GOD



Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955). Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616).

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 BCP 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING ACTS 4:5-12

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM 23 DOMINUS REGIT ME

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*
  I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:16-24

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not

condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

## **Ubi Caritas** (sung twice) **S**EQUENCE HYMN G 301 Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing. U - bi ca - ri tas eta mor, bi De - us bi ca - ri tas est.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Where Charity and love are found, God is there; Taizé Community, 1978. Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-719358.

#### **GOSPEL ALLELUIA**

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THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 10:11-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

THE SERMON THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED BCP 358

Please stand, as able.

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

**BCP 388** 

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.

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, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, 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 all who have died, especially Raynelle and 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 Ole, Chloe, and Claire

as they celebrate their birthdays; and for Carolyn and David 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.

**A**NNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

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 St. George's Donation page.

#### THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.



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 BCP 361

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:

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.

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."

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

All 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.

#### 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 BCP 365

Please stand, as able.

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.



Words: Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830, alt.

Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody, from The European Magazine and London Review, 1972.

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Service Postlude in G MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO (Josef Vockner)

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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 Belinda McGhee Glenn Tatum Gladys Dykes Mary Parker Preston Tyree

Charles Foster Metis Policano Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Ralph Hausser Ruben Romero Those suffering from COVID-19

Kirk Hoffman David Savage Divesh Manohar Ben Sears

For those who have died and their families, especially

Raynelle Blech 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: For those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Ole Ibsen (Apr 25)

Chloe Carrera (Apr 28) Claire Jones (Apr 29) Carolyn Porter & David Stuart (Apr 30)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai Redeemer, Houston

San Pablo/St. Paul's, Houston San Pedro/St. Peter's, Pasadena

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold.

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <a href="mailto:stepon">stepon</a>generall.com.

### THE SUNDAY BANNER - April 25, 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. 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 online registration 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.
- GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY Join us on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> for a Grounds Clean-up Day, beginning at 8:00 am (but feel free to join us later!) and continuing until folks get tired. 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 sgecvestry4dhc@gmail.com.
- SAFE ALLIANCE COMFORT BAGS Despite being unable to gather for our traditional comfort bag sew-ins, dedicated parishioners have continued to make bags for the SAFE Alliance, and we are working on collecting items with which to fill 250 of them! To donate items for the bags, visit the Comfort Bag Sign-up Sheet to see what items are still needed and sign up for the items you'd like to donate. Note that our item delivery will work differently this time please deliver your items to Alice Nelson at 1208 Alguno Road, Austin, TX 78757-3412, no later than Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Let her know you are coming (call or text at 512-924-1143), and place the items on her front porch for a socially distanced drop-off. Please join us (in-person with registration or online) at the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, when we will present the bags to be blessed before we give them to the SAFE Alliance to distribute to survivors of sexual assault. Holly Bowles, SAFE's Volunteer Coordinator, will be joining us as well.
- OFFICE REOPENING We are partially reopening the church office in the Wright House. Jennifer will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 to 2:30. For the time being, she will continue to work from home on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please contact her at <a href="mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com">stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

- ❖ 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 St. George's Donation page. 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.
- ❖ ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE DONATIONS You are invited to donate altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2021, or altar candles for one or more months, perhaps in honor of someone, in celebration of an important event, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, or in memory of loved one. To give flowers or candles, visit the 2021 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar and enter your name and dedication next to the week or month of your choice. A donation of \$35 is requested. You can make your donation online or by check. To give electronically, visit the St. George's Donation page, scroll down to "Designated Gifts" / "Altar Guild," and enter the amount of your donation. Make checks payable to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers/Candles" in the memo line, and mail them to the church office.
- 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 St. George's Donation page (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship), 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 BCP 815

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 BCP 260

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 26

**Tuesday, April 27** 7:30 pm Choir meet-up Zita of Tuscany, Worker of Charity, 1271

Wednesday, April 28

Thursday, April 29 Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1380

Friday, April 30

Saturday, May 1 8:00 am Grounds Clean-up Day The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James

**Sunday, May 2** 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Elisabeth Cruciger, Poet and Hymnographer, 1535

12:15 pm Outdoor Eucharist

#### **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Vestry Person of the Day – Ed Crawford
Altar Guild – John Rickard
Flower Guild – Jan Phillips
Usher – Mikail McIntosh-Doty
Streaming Technician – Liam Dolan-Henderson
Singers –Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips
Reader/Intercessor – Melissa Brackin

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